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## Delivery day for future of Horton maternity service

By Samantha McGregor

TODAY is D-Day over the future of consultant-led maternity services at Banbury's Horton Hospital.

A decision will be made on whether to back proposals to permanently downgrade the service for maternity services at the Oxford Road hospital as part of a countywide review of health services.

Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group launched the first phase of a consultation in January, which included reducing the number of in-patient beds, creating central stroke unit in Oxford and the changes to the maternity unit at the Horton.

The results of the consultation were revealed in June and showed that while some of the proposals were supported by respondents, the down-grading of the Horton maternity unit to be midwife-led was almost "universally" rejected.

Campaigners have been fighting against the move and were boosted on Monday by the news the Oxfordshire Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee has decided to refer the matter to the Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt should the OCCG decide to go ahead with the plan at the meeting.

Banbury MP Victoria Prentis has been spearheading the campaign against the change and at Monday's HOSC meeting made clear the people of north Oxfordshire are "anx-



*The people of north Oxfordshire are "anxious about the future of our hospital, frightened about the current safety of mothers and babies and angry about the process"*

*Banbury MP Victoria Prentis speaking ahead of today's decision*

ious about the future of our hospital, frightened about the current safety of mothers and babies and angry about the process".

Mrs Prentis has previously raised concerns about the journey time it takes to get from Banbury to the John

Radcliffe should it be necessary in an emergency, with the average time from a survey found to be an hour and 40 minutes.

She said: "As I have made clear, I feel that the consultation was fatally flawed. While efforts have been made

to seek further evidence to support phase one of the consultation, the CCG has not addressed properly our serious concerns about the process and impact.

"For example, in my conversations with Health Education England, I

have been told that decisions regarding maternity and critical care will directly affect the provision of anaesthetic training in Banbury.

"I fear this will have a knock-on effect on the recruitment of anaesthetists in future. The papers before the board do not reflect what I have been told.

"Over 10,000 responses to the consultation were received by the CCG, with the vast majority against service downgrade in Banbury.

"I am disappointed that the CCG are recommending that the board agrees to press ahead without listening the views of patients, rendering the consultation meaningless."

Figures from the Oxford University Hospitals Trust show there were a total of 120 births at the Horton Hospital between October 3, 2016 and May 31, 2017, after the service became midwife-led.

Of the births 38 women had to be transferred to Oxford during labour - this figure includes 8 women who delivered the baby but needed support to deliver the placenta.

A further 16 women were transferred to the John Radcliffe for post-natal care.

Before the maternity unit was downgraded, in the period April 2015 to March 2016, there were 1,466 births at the Horton and 5,729 births at the John Radcliffe in the same period.

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# Remainers air views on EU 'mistake'

By Eva Astreinidou

PRO-EUROPE campaigners were out in force over the weekend as part of a nationwide action day.

Members of the Oxford branch of the European Movement UK (EMUK) were rallying support on Saturday for a 'future side by side' inside the EU.

The group met on the Cowley Road where they talked to the public about their opposition to leaving the EU and circulated campaign leaflets.

They also launched a petition, where 92 out of 97 people said they wanted Britain to remain in the EU.

Dr Graham Jones, chair of the Oxford Region branch, said: "We are not happy with the way things are going in the UK. We are not happy with the Brexit squeeze on households

which will hit the poorest hardest.

"We are not happy with the impact of Brexit on the NHS with 96 per cent fewer EU nurse applicants since the referendum vote - nearly 2,000 NHS workers in Oxford come from other EU countries. We are not happy with the prospect of living in a country where citizens' rights are under threat.

"We find it impossible to just stand by as government backs us into a corner that we don't want to be in, which is why we are part of the pro-European, grassroots European Movement fighting for a future alongside our European partners."

James MacCleary, campaigns director for the EMUK, said: "The European Movement is growing day by day as more and more pro-Euro-



Some of the campaigners out in force on Cowley Road

peans find an organisation they can align themselves to and, through positive action, express their frustrations and discontent at the Brexit path Theresa May is directing us down.

"We want to give our supporters and members a voice

and a range of opportunities to have their say on what we believe is a historic mistake, and is not in the best interests of the UK."

Sandi Small, who teaches English and signed the petition to remain, said the past year had seen education and the

economy suffering as a result of the vote to leave the EU.

She said: "I'm not at all confident that the government has an effective plan for Brexit."

"I believe the people should have a vote when we know the outcome of Mrs May's negotiations."



Cabinet member for parks and grounds maintenance Councillor Charlotte Dickson and parks team leader Richard Ballard display the flag with Sodexo staff responsible for the Abbey Grounds - Jason Davey, Alex Head, Jason Webb and Dan Wilkinson

## Flying the flag for green Abbey

ABBEY Gardens has once again earned itself the international mark of quality for parks and green spaces.

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The site includes a garden area with flower beds, herbaceous borders, seating and Italian walkway, as well as open parkland with a number of mature trees, an ornamental lake and a folly that stands near a statue of Queen Victoria.

Cllr Charlotte Dickson,

cabinet member for parks and grounds maintenance at the council, said: "We know how much quality green spaces matter to our residents and visitors, and this award celebrates the dedication that our parks team put into maintaining Abbey Gardens to such a high standard."

The revamped play park at Abbey Park was unveiled in July, following an investment of £320,000.

## Grants on offer for WWI anniversary

OXFORDSHIRE MPs are urging people who are involved in community projects to apply for a grant up to £10,000 marking the 100th anniversary of the First World War.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) from the National Lottery is marking the centenary of the war with commemorative projects through the 'First World War then and now programme'.

Now, local politicians are encouraging people to take part and apply for grants between £3,000 and £10,000 to undertake projects exploring the impact and legacy of the war beyond 1918.

MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, Layla Moran, said: "Just like many towns and cities across the UK, the Oxford West and Abingdon we live in today was shaped by the First World War and so I strongly encourage local people to make use of the money available from Heritage Lottery Fund to explore its legacy further."

From exploring local archaeology and restoring local parks and buildings to protecting wildlife and researching local history,

HLF has awarded more than 28 grants to heritage projects in the area, which have amounted to over £3m since it began in 1994.

Elsewhere, more than £11m has been invested in Henley's heritage projects.

Didcot Railway Centre revealed last week it has been named as one of the lucky recipients from the fund, being granted £8,700.

The centre will use the money to fund a project that will open on August 19 and 20, Rails on the Western Front, and will feature the 5322, a steam engine that had a key role in railway transport during the war from 1917 to 1919.

There will also be a recreation of a French station and a casualty clearing station showing the link between frontline activity and the railway.

A military camp display will demonstrate the various skills of a soldier, and a permanent display where visitors can add their own memories about their family's experience and connection with the war.

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# NHS to fund life-saving surgery for poorly baby

By Eva Astreinidou

THE parents of a baby boy who needs life-saving surgery are a step closer to it happening after the NHS agreed to fund treatment.

Lydia and Tim Cameron, from Wantage, have been fundraising since January, when their son Oliver was born with a rare heart tumour.

The couple have been tirelessly campaigning to raise £150,000 for the treatment in the US after being told by the NHS that the surgery their son needs cannot be carried out in the UK.

But now they have been told by NHS England that their trip to Boston for the operation could finally be a reality.

Mum Lydia said it has not yet been confirmed how much of the total will be covered by the NHS, but expects to receive an official confirmation in the next few days.

She said the call was 'unex-

pected', after their initial funding application to the NHS was rejected months ago.

She added: "Having a newborn baby is hard enough but having a poorly newborn baby has been really difficult. It has just been Tim and I."

After months of online fundraising, reaching out to local news outlets, and hosting anything from a car wash to a charity golf tournament, they have managed to raise £140,000.

Lydia said: "We have not had a campaign manager or anyone professional to help us. It has just been us two tirelessly fundraising."

The fragile little boy has had to endure several episodes of tachycardia, where the heart beats irregularly and can be fatal.

Previously doctors in Boston advised that to maximise Oliver's ability to recover his parents should ideally wait until his first birthday in January but, if his condition worsened,

he may require the operation immediately.

An NHS England spokesman said: "The application identified there is not currently a surgical service in the UK with experience of treating this exceptionally rare condition and we have therefore agreed to fund Oliver's treatment abroad."

"We have also determined that a clinical policy is required for service access and will explore whether a service in the UK is appropriate considering the small number of patients."

They added that the number of patients with the extremely rare condition, called cardiac fibroma, is estimated to be in single figures nationally.

They also said there are discussions as to whether a UK surgeon might accompany Oliver to Boston to learn from the surgeons in the US so that this type of innovative surgery can potentially be offered in the UK in future.



Mum Lydia and baby son Oliver who will be treated in the US

## News Bites

### D-day for health services in Oxon

THE initial decisions on the future of healthcare in Oxfordshire are being made today following the 12-week consultation earlier in the year.

The Big Health and Care Consultation asked patients, the public and NHS staff to consider proposals for hospital beds and stroke services across the county and for maternity services at Banbury's Horton General Hospital.

The Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group is meeting in the city to decide on final proposals from the first phase of the Oxfordshire Transformation Programme.

The results of the consultation were revealed in June and showed that while some of the proposals were supported by respondents, the down-grading of the Horton maternity unit to be midwife-led was almost "universally" rejected.

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Following a report by fire safety experts Trenton Fire in

the wake of the Grenfell Tower disaster, concerns were raised about the cladded unit.

Paul Brennan, director of

clinical services, speaking on Friday after the move, said: "I want to give huge thanks to all the staff from the trust and to

our other local partners who have helped us make today's move possible and achieved so smoothly."

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# Uni treasurer's arrest over US murder

By George Welch

AN OXFORD university employee suspected of killing a Chicago hairdresser will face court in the coming days after spending a week on the run.

Police started a manhunt for Somerville College senior treasurer Andrew Warren following the death of 26-year-old Trenton Cornell-Duranleau in Chicago on July 27.

According to the Chicago

Tribune, he is being held at the county jail in San Francisco and is expected to appear in court and extradited after handing himself in on Friday.

His alleged accomplice, Wyndham Lathem, a microbiology professor at Northwestern University, was brought before a judge earlier this week after turning himself in at a separate California site on Friday.

Lathem, a microbiologist, is being held without bail and

appeared in court on Monday.

According to the publication on Tuesday, attorney Kenneth H. Wine said his client, Lathem, will plead not guilty to murder charges.

He also said Lathem also plans to waive his right to an extradition hearing and that he expects him to be returned to Chicago within weeks.

Warrants for Mr Warren and US professor Mr Lathem were issued last Monday.

A judge in Cook county issued the warrants for Mr Warren, 56, and Mr Lathem, 42, after police said they were wanted for first-degree murder.

Police believe the pair had a relationship with the victim, who lived in Chicago and was found dead with multiple stab wounds in a 10th-floor apartment near the city centre at around 8.30pm.

A spokesperson from Somerville College said last Thurs-

day: "Andrew Warren's colleagues at Somerville College have now all been informed and we are all shocked to learn of the case."

Mr Warren's Facebook states that he is from Faringdon, went to King Alfred's School in Wantage, lives in Swindon and is a former driver and cashier at Stagecoach West.

Andrew Warren has been arrested after handing himself in



## Orchard Centre on schedule and well under way

THE £50million expansion of Didcot's Orchard Centre has progressed to the next stage.

Following the closure of High Street, the next phase will allow construction of the new public square and surrounding restaurants to begin.

In addition, there are two additional areas of car parking that are now available, with 120 spaces already open and a further 70 to follow shortly.

A total of 875 car parking spaces will be available at the Orchard Centre when expansion work is complete.

Names already signed up for the 95,000sqft extension include M&S Food Hall, H&M, River Island and TK Maxx, as

well as Costa Coffee and Starbucks.

Thomas Cochrane, development manager at developer Hammerson, confirmed the next steps are being put in motion.

He said: "Work is now well under way and on schedule, with the development already taking shape as new structures including the flagship M&S Food Hall building are put into place."

"Convenient car parking is essential and so we are pleased that these extra spaces are becoming available and that we continue to offer free parking, for up to two hours."

"We are grateful to everyone



visiting the Orchard Centre for their patience while construction work continues."

Councillor John Cotton, leader of South Oxfordshire district council, said: "Local

residents, shoppers and visitors will be aware of the closure of some parking spaces at council-run temporary car parks in High Street and Broadway to make way for the

second phase of the Orchard Centre."

"We know that any loss of parking spaces has an impact and we have worked closely with Hammerson on this issue."

"We are very pleased these extra spaces are becoming available at an early stage in the development."

The expansion of the shopping centre is part of the proposed Didcot garden town plans, which will lead to the creation of 20,000 jobs and 15,000 homes and exciting community facilities over the next 20 years.

In preparation for the closure of High Street, bus services were re-routed along Station Road, which was transformed from a pedestrianised zone to accommodate this.

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# Champion swimmer teaches masterclass

By George Welch

A BRITISH Olympic silver medalist will offer advice on healthy eating and how to achieve your swimming potential at a free swimming masterclass for adults next week.

Keri-Anne Payne, runner-up in the 10km at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, is to host a three-hour session at the Vale of the White Horse Leisure Centre in Abingdon on August 19.

The South African-born athlete will dish out her top tips during the coaching session, which will include pool-based practical training and classroom focused theoretical coaching.

She will also share her Olympic experiences, offer advice on healthy eating, insights into overcoming setbacks and how to be the best swimmer possible.

The event will launch leisure operator Better's new Swim Doctor programme, which will run at selected Better-operated leisure centres across the county.

Payne, who hung up her goggles in January, is Better's adult swimming ambassador.

The two-time world 10km open water swimming champion said:



Keri-Anne Payne is a passionate advocate of swimming for fitness and wellbeing

"I'm a passionate advocate of swimming for fitness and wellbeing.

"I know there are a huge range of people who take part for many different reasons, whether it's to get fitter, complete a personal challenge, or work towards a swimming event.

"I'm hoping we can encourage even more people to get involved and experience the joy of using swimming as a tool for fitness."

The Swim Doctor programme offers a free pool-based personal training for adult swimmers.

It includes a tailored swim-

ming programme for each swimmer, guidance on technique and strength, regular progress reviews and goal setting.

Ross Payne, Better's aquatics project manager, said: "Figures from Swim England show that activated swimming sessions like those we will be offering through Swim Doctor, encourage positive behavioural change.

"A massive 93 per cent of adults increase the amount they swim as a result of sessions like these."

To sign up for the masterclass, visit: [better.org.uk/swim-doctor](http://better.org.uk/swim-doctor)

# Feast of fun for foodies at town's double delight

FOODIES in Banbury are preparing for the town's two annual food events with the Flower and Produce Show and the Food Fair returning this month.

Residents will have a chance to demonstrate their creative skills at the Flower and Produce Show, while high quality food and drink produced in the area will be proudly displayed at the Food Fair.

The events will run alongside each other at Market Place on Sunday, August 20.

With seven categories and 99 classes, the Flower and Produce Show will give people the chance to win prizes for home grown fruit, vegetables and flowers plus preserves such as jams and chutneys.

Event organisers Banbury Town Council said there would be opportunities for cake makers, floral art designers, craft workers



and photographers.

Former town mayor and businesswoman Rosemarie Higham, who will judge a special children's competition, said: "The show continues to be a great success and I am proud to be part of it."

Full details of the categories, the classes in each category,

and the rules are available from the town council at [tinyurl.com/y7wxfxc](http://tinyurl.com/y7wxfxc).

Meanwhile, TV chef Rosemary Shrager, pictured, will be a guest judge at the town's Food Fair, which is open between 10.30am and 4.30pm.

Rosemary, who became a national favourite when she took part in ITV reality show I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here in 2012, will be joined by fellow TV food experts Andrew Scott, Nick Bennett and Saira Hamilton.

Cllr Colin Clarke, chairman of the council's general services committee, said: "The Food Fair is one of Banbury's most popular events and attracts thousands of people.

"Last year's Food Fair attracted around 12,000 visitors. It celebrates everything good about food and drink."

# All change for pay and display car park payments

MOTORISTS who have been saving their shiny new £1 coins for the car park will be able to use them soon – more than four months after the 12-sided coin came into circulation.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils were already planning to replace all their car park pay and display machines and, following a successful trial, the new machines

will be installed throughout this month.

The new machines will also allow people to pay by credit and debit card, as well as by mobile phone.

The solar panel-powered machines will be much cheaper and easier to maintain than the current stock.

SODC's Cllr David Nimmo-Smith said: "The new machines

introduce debit/credit card payments to our car parks for the first time which will be a great help for those who don't like to carry change around. Using solar panels means we're making another small contribution to reducing the environmental impact of the council."

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# Thousands enjoy a taste of Countryfile in four-day fun

By Eva Astreinidou

MORE than 120,000 countryside lovers descended on Blenheim Palace for BBC Countryfile Live.

The popular outdoor event returned from Thursday to Sunday for a second helping of action-packed fun after the success of the inaugural event last year.

The presenters of Countryfile Live, including Matt Baker, Anita Rani and Ellie Harrison, made their way to the picturesque grounds to bring their popular programme to a live

audience.

Visitors had the chance to get up close and personal with Mr Baker and Ms Rani, as well as other Countryfile stars John Craven and Adam Henson.

Exciting new attractions included live arena shows, hands-on activities, animal displays, debates, food, drink and shopping from over 500 independent retailers and lifestyle brands.

Tim Etchells, managing director of show organisers SME London, said: "The feedback we have received has

been overwhelming, which is testament to the love our visitors have for the BBC Countryfile programme. Our aim with Countryfile Live is to create a unique visitor experience and most importantly a great day out, which we felt the event delivered.

"We were also particularly pleased with our traffic management plan and have received numerous positive comments for local villagers.

"We've already started working on next year's show which will run from August 2 to 5, 2018."



Presenters John Craven and Ellie Henderson (seated at front) and Adam Henson, Charlotte Smith, Tom Heap, Anita Rani and Matt Baker

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### Stabbing arrests

**OXFORD:** Two women have been arrested as part of an investigation into the stabbing of a man in Blackbird Leys.

A 31-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to cause grievous bodily harm, and a 20-year-old woman from Oxford was arrested on Wednesday August 2 on suspicion of conspiracy to cause GBH. Both have been released under investigation.

The victim, a 31-year-old man, was taken to hospital in a serious condition, but has now been discharged.

Officers were called by the ambulance service following reports that a man had been stabbed in Crowberry Road in Blackbird Leys on Monday July 31 at 9.55pm.

Police attended the scene where the victim had sustained serious injuries to his arm and leg. It is believed he was attacked by a number of offenders.

### Sanctuary's fair

**DIDCOT:** A bouncy castle, face paints, sweets, glitter tattoos, a teddy raffle, and candles, will feature in a fundraising event this Sunday.

Didcot Animal Sanctuary is hosting a fundraising fair from 12pm to 4pm at the site at Hill Farm, Appleford.



Left, Supt Rebecca Mears with fancy dress parade winners Bella and Zach Honour, and above, the public order team stages a demonstration

# 'Ello, 'ello, 'ello, what's all this then?

By Adam Flinn

**MORE** than 8,000 people took the opportunity to learn more about their police force on Saturday.

Thames Valley Police hosted its 11th annual open day at the force training centre in Sulhamstead, Berkshire, with a wide variety of activities and displays taking place.

Among the most popular were displays from the dog unit, mounted section and public order team, who carried out demonstrations of their work.

The record-breaking number of visitors were also given the chance to become a 'detective for the day', analysing fingerprints and pieces of evidence to uncover the true story of the demise of Mr Money Bags.

And youngsters were encouraged to dress up in police costumes for a fancy dress parade, won by seven-year-old Bella Honour and her brother Zach, five.

Deputy chief constable John Campbell said: "It was fantastic to see a record number

of residents from across the Thames Valley at our open day.

"The event was invaluable in helping us to positively engage with a variety of people in a fun and relaxed way.

"It's events such as these which help to break down any potential barriers, and make Thames Valley Police as accessible to the general public as possible."

This year's open day raised money for SAFE, a charity which helps young people who have been affected by crime in the Thames Valley.



A young visitor tries out a police motorbike



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# Walker's delight after 480-miles leads to £1k

By Eva Astreinidou

A SUPERMARKET shift worker has raised more than £1,100 after smashing his epic Walk Fatboy Walk challenge for our charity of the year.

Lee Crook, of Wallingford, is nursing blisters and aching legs after walking more than 480 miles over the course of July to raise money for Didcot-based Play2Give (P2G).

Lee, a nightshift team leader at the local Sainsbury's, took a total of 1,060,960 steps, or 33,000 steps a day, to complete the challenge.

As a result, he smashed his initial £500 fundraising goal in support of the charity's appeal to raise £10,000 for the Oxford Children's hospital as part of their milestone 10th anniversary.

Speaking about the challenge, Lee said: "Taking on this summer fundraiser was no breeze, it wasn't certainly any old easy 'walk in the park'."

"However I am absolutely overwhelmed, amazed and overjoyed [with] how much people really got behind me – it has been a real privilege to

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be part of the 10th anniversary year and help Andrew and the team hopefully smash £10,000 or more."

Speaking about P2G's founder Andy Baker, Lee said: "[He] is an inspiration to many people, including myself. He puts so much time and effort into raising money for some great causes, which are so close to his heart."

"It is for Andy's sheer passion, enthusiasm and 'inspiring relentless self' that inspires me to keep on supporting and doing my bit for P2G whenever I can."

Previously, staff at the supermarket in Didcot had chosen P2G to be their charity of the year, and the team helped raise a record amount of more than £4,300.

Over the years, Lee has also taken on 'Movember', has



Lee Crook on his Walk Fatboy Walk challenge

walked 29 miles from Didcot to the John Radcliffe Hospital dressed as Santa and walked 1000km over 10 weeks – and has so far helped contribute well over £2,200 into P2G.

Speaking of Lee's achievements, Andy added: "Lee is just one of our many individuals who support us so wonderfully. Lee has really thrown himself into fundraising to help us achieve our goals over a few years."

"It's clear that his latest escapade was the hardest he has ever taken on, but I knew he would do it, and I had every confidence he would also top his target – but to have raised more than £1,000 was just unexpected."

"I think Lee is a champion, and his unwavering and loyal support is inspiring to see."

To donate, visit [make-a-donation.org/fundraisers/lee-crook-3](http://make-a-donation.org/fundraisers/lee-crook-3).

## Banker's big challenge for Mental Health UK

A BRAVE Oxfordshire man will be taking on a gruelling hiking, cycling and running challenge with the aim of helping to raise £250,000 so people don't 'suffer in silence'.

Barrie Jackson, from Goring Heath, will be hiking the 978 metres of Scafell Pike, cycling 100 miles and completing a half marathon over the course of four days in September for Mental Health UK.

He and 60 other colleagues from the Lloyds Banking group will be testing their resolve through the Fourtitude challenge. The name was chosen to reflect that one in four people experience mental health problems.

The demanding challenge is in aid of Lloyds Banking Group's partnership with Mental Health UK which aims to promote awareness of the link between mental health and money problems.

Barrie, 48, said: "I have taken part in similar challenges in the past but nothing quite this gruelling."

"The extra motivation of raising money for Mental Health UK will be a big factor in helping me through it."

The 60 fearless Fourtituders will set off in four teams, one from each of the home nations, and will ascend the highest



Barrie Jackson

mountain in their respective countries on the first two days.

On day three, they will join together to take part in 'the long road' cycling challenge, which consists of 100 miles cycling across hilly Peak District roads.

On day four, participants will set off before dawn to take part in the Out of the Dark challenge, consisting of a half marathon along the Birmingham canal towpaths.

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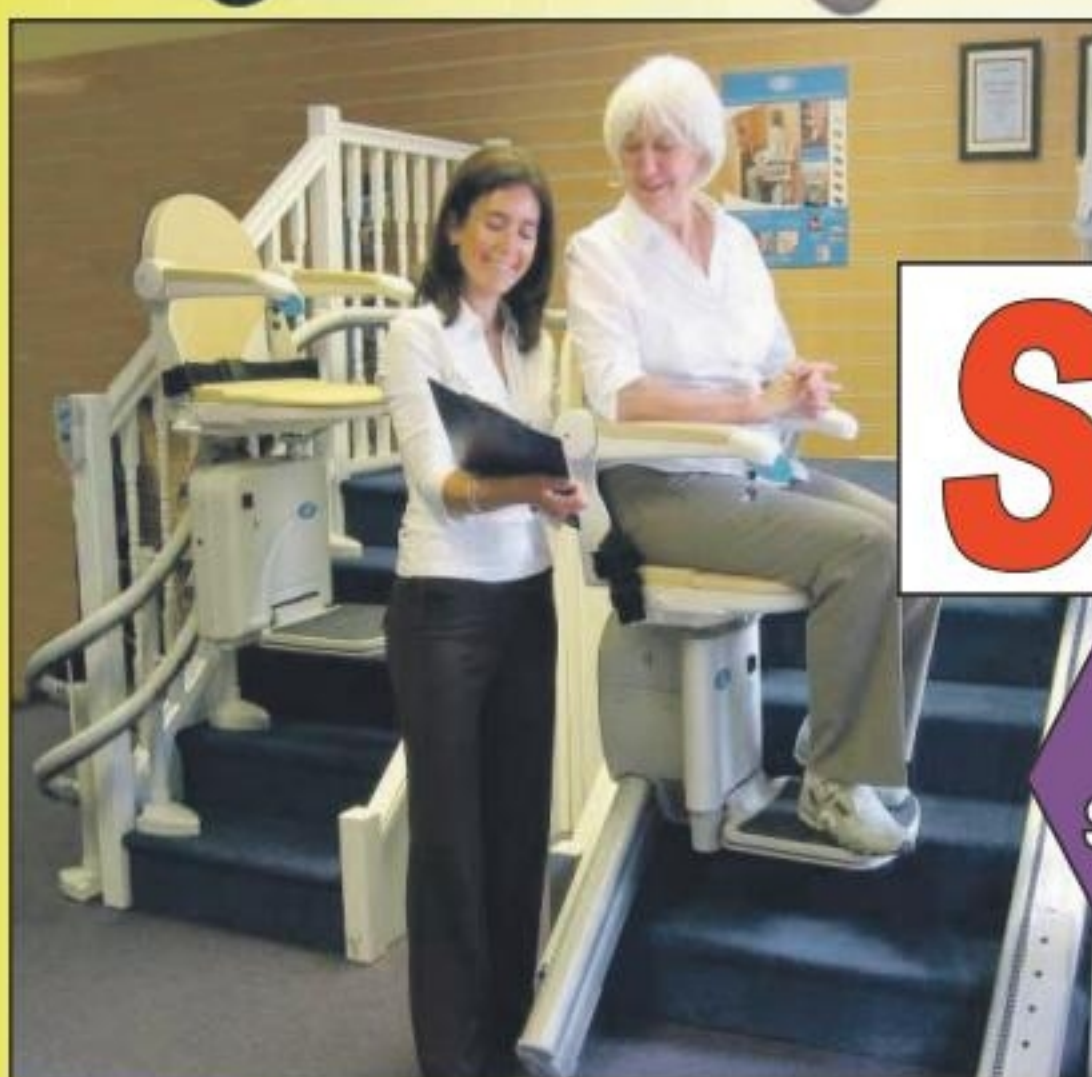


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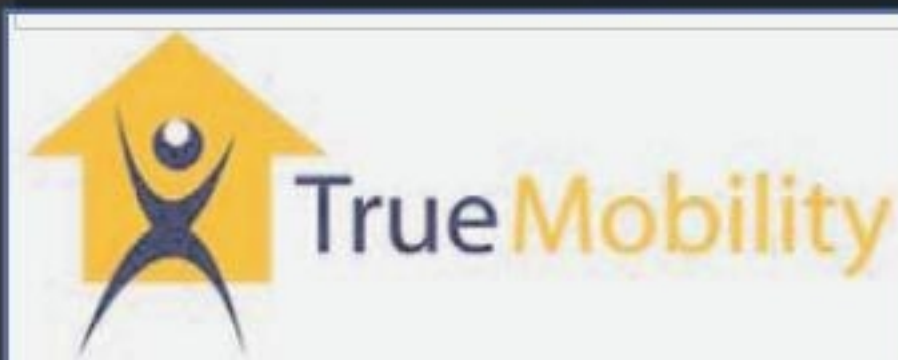
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# Young people call for more creative activities in town

News Bites

YOUNG people have presented a manifesto of their views on the future of Bicester.

As part of the quarterly meeting of the strategic delivery board, young people from the town presented ideas for Bicester to become a culture-town.

They told councillors they would like to see more spaces for arts, creative activities and

events accessible to young people.

The manifesto was commissioned by OYAP Trust and Cherwell District Council and developed by the Bicester Youth Action Team.

Cllr Barry Wood, leader of Cherwell, said: "It is great to see young people who are committed to the town and the cultural life of the place."

"Although we cannot commit to delivering their aspirations at this stage, we will always look for funding opportunities toward their realisation."

The board was also told more investments were planned to improve Bicester's walking and cycling routes.

Oxfordshire County Council said a consultation is due to start this autumn over propos-

als for a pedestrian crossing in Middleton Stoney Road, while funding is being sought for an off-road cycle facility along this road.

There will also be a walking/cycling route improvement along the western side of Oxford Road and a new footway will be installed at Bicester North Station, thanks to developer funding.



Cllr Barry Wood

## Teen stuck in loo

**OXON:** Fire crews from Bicester had an unusual call out on Saturday after a teenager got stuck in a coach toilet while travelling on the A34.

Both the driver and passengers were unable to release the door so fire crews had to cut away the remainder of the lock to free the teenager.

## Helpers sought

**THAME:** The town council is looking for volunteers who are interested in public art and want to be part of a new arts team.

The team will work closely across the town to create and implement arts projects, using public arts money awarded to Thame as a result of new housing developments.

People are required to commit up to four hours a month. For more information contact Becky via [info@thametown-council.gov.uk](mailto:info@thametown-council.gov.uk)

## Behaviour 'worse'

**THAME:** Town councillors have raised concerns after 'fairly widespread reports' of increased anti-social behaviour in Thame. The council said it had contacted police and residents were being urged to report all incidents to Thame Valley Police via 101 or 999 if it is an emergency.

# Taxi passengers urged to rate drivers on skills and service

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW initiative for passengers to rate their taxi driver has been launched in North Oxfordshire.

Cab passengers can now score how good or bad their journey was with a particular taxi driver.

International taxi service Uber operate a similar system whereby passengers and drivers can rate the service and each other's behaviour.

Cherwell District Council, which oversees licensing for taxis in the district, says the scheme is designed to improve

customer satisfaction.

The Rate My Taxi initiative allow members of the public to provide scoring on five different questions associated with their journey.

Cllr Kieron Mallon, Cherwell's lead member for public protection, said: "Taxis provide an important service to the community and drivers are entrusted to transport customers safely to and from their destinations."

"This includes people travelling on their own, children on their way to school and people returning home late at night – all of whom want reassurance



Cllr Kieron Mallon

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# Spring into Action

Now's the perfect time to replace your garden fence once and for all. Anna Ryder Richardson - Designer and Television Presenter - takes a closer look at Colourfence, the revolutionary low-maintenance system.

It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quite a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

The latest design processes

mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from, constructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes, and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me, there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality, value, longevity, aesthetic design, this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for

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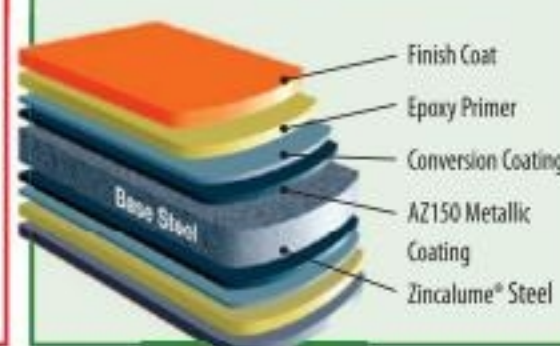
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# Help others to get into shape with new health routes

By Samantha McGregor

**VOLUNTEERS** are being sought to lead walking and running sessions on three new health routes being created in Bicester.

The first route, a new five-kilometre route for walkers, joggers and runners, was marked out in blue around Langford Village in May.

Work on two further five-kilometre routes in east Bicester, from Skimmingdish Lane to just south of the railway line, and another in west Bicester, to include Bure Park, is under way.

The routes have been marked out to give Bicester residents a new means of staying active and tackling obesity.

Figures from Oxfordshire Sport & Physical Activity (OxSPA), the county sport

partnership for Oxon, show 23 per cent of people are inactive and 38 per cent of people don't get enough exercise.

The 'health routes', funded by NHS England, are part of the Bicester Healthy New Town Programme.

The programme is supported by Cherwell District Council, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Oxford Academic Health Science Network and A2 Dominion Housing Group.

The new routes should be complete by the end of the summer and trained leaders are needed to support and supervise users.

Cllr Barry Wood, leader of Cherwell District Council, said: "Volunteer leaders help people in their community to get active and healthy, providing vital support that they otherwise might not get."

"As well as ensuring walks and jogs are friendly, safe and well run, leaders will also be our healthy Bicester champi-

ons showing people that regular exercise really can make a big difference to their lives.

"What's more, we all know that doing something for others helps people to feel more positive. Therefore, I would urge as many people as possible to apply to become walking or running leaders."

No qualification or experience is needed as training will be provided, but volunteers will need to commit three hours a week.

Volunteers will also need to attend a one-day course with experts from the council and local sports clubs to learn how to prepare and lead a walking or jogging session, following the NHS 'Couch to 5K' programme.

After completing the training and a progression card the leaders will get a walking/running for health leader qualification.

For more information, email [HealthyNewTown@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk](mailto:HealthyNewTown@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk).



Bella Heard thinks it's a scream to meet police pup Chase during the Kids Go Free launch

## PAW pups on patrol for free bus travel

FAMOUS cartoon characters put their best PAW forward to entertain children and promote family bus trips to London.

Characters from the popular Nickelodeon TV series PAW Patrol, which features a tech-savvy boy and a pack of six rescue dogs, fascinated more than 300 children in Broad Street, Oxford city centre last week.

Chase and Marshall, dogs that have the responsibilities of police officers and firefighters, were in town to meet the youngsters and their families

to celebrate the launch of Oxford Tube's Kids Go Free travel ticket.

Little ones had the chance to meet and have their photograph taken with their favourite TV stars, as well as experience a tour around on the coaches, and even sit in the driver's seat. Children can travel on the Oxford to London service for free all year round as part of Stagecoach Oxfordshire's initiative.

Managing director Martin Sutton said: "Now the school

summer holidays have begun we wanted to give the children of Oxford an exciting, and free, day out that they could enjoy with their friends and family – we felt PAW Patrol would certainly put a smile on their faces."

"We hope our Kids Go Free any day, any time of the week tickets will give more families the opportunity to explore the sights of London and Oxford and create some lovely memories to look back on."

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## Hammer threat to shop staff

POLICE have released a CCTV image of a man believed to have threatened staff and robbed a Bicester shop.

A man armed with a hammer went into Tesco Express in Holm Square, Southwold, at 11.05pm last Wednesday (August 2) and threatened staff.

He demanded money and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash.

No-one was injured in the incident.

Police say they want to talk to the man in the CCTV image.

Detective Constable Anneliese Palfrey, of Force CID based at Bicester police station, issued a statement on behalf of police.

She said: "We are appealing for information following this robbery and we have released CCTV images of a man we believe might have information in connection with this incident."

"We believe that shortly before the incident, at around 11pm, the offender hid behind a bin before going into the shop."

"We would ask anyone who has information or may have been passing by between 11pm and 11.10pm to please come forward."

Anyone with information should call 101 quoting reference '1660 2/8/17', or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.



Police are appealing to identify this man following the robbery at Tesco Express

## News Bites

### Railways praised

**OXON:** Passengers rated Chiltern Railways as joint top operator in terms of overall customer satisfaction.

The rail operator had a score of 92 per cent in the Transport Focus' National Rail Passenger Survey.

Managing director Dave Penney said: "What is just as pleasing is that we are also at the top of the table for satisfaction with punctuality and reliability, car parking and for requests made to our station staff."

### Join 999 teams

**THAME:** Local emergency services teams are holding a free family fun day on Sunday, from 10am to 4pm, at Southern Road Recreation Ground.

Visitors can learn about the different roles of the emergency services, join in activities, and see the emergency vehicles up close.

There will also be stalls and activities for the children.

### Job fair success

**BANBURY:** Almost 100 job seekers attended Banbury Employment and Careers Fair last week. It was organised by Cherwell District Council, Job Centre Plus and the Army Reserve Centre, and staged at the Army Reserve Centre in Oxford Road.

# More chance to have your say

By Eva Astreimidou

A CONSULTATION over where Oxford's unmet housing will go has been extended until October.

Initially the consultation was due to run until August 29, but Cherwell District Council extended it until October 10 because of high levels of public interest.

Cherwell council wants people's view on changes to its local plan outlining how it will accommodate an additional 4,400 homes that cannot be built in Oxford.

Oxford City Council cannot meet its target because there are not enough development sites and issues with boundary constraints due to the green belt.

Cherwell's local plan, which sets out development up to 2031, already proposes to build almost 23,000 homes.

Cllr Colin Clarke, Cherwell's lead member for planning, said: "Each local authority has a duty to deliver an agreed number of houses but Oxford City Council cannot hit its target due to a lack of development sites and boundary constraints."



Cllr Colin Clarke

"As such, all other authorities in Oxfordshire have a duty to work cooperatively with each other to accommodate the overall shortfall and meet the

housing targets for the area.

"As a council, we are considering 147 sites but a key part of this process is consulting with residents and businesses to get feedback on our proposals."

"We recognise the majority of this consultation takes place over the summer holidays when many people are away."

"Therefore, due to the importance of this piece of work – and the high level of public interest – we have decided to extend the deadline until October to give everyone an opportunity to have their say."

As a partial review of Cher-

well's local plan, it outlines proposals for the development of seven key residential sites in a corridor extending north from Oxford along the A44 to Yarnton and Begbroke and then to the southern edge of Woodstock.

There will also be a public exhibition at Exeter Hall in Oxford Road, Kidlington, on August 17, from 4pm to 8pm.

Residents and organisations can submit feedback direct to the council.

For more information contact the Cherwell Planning Policy team on 01295 227985.

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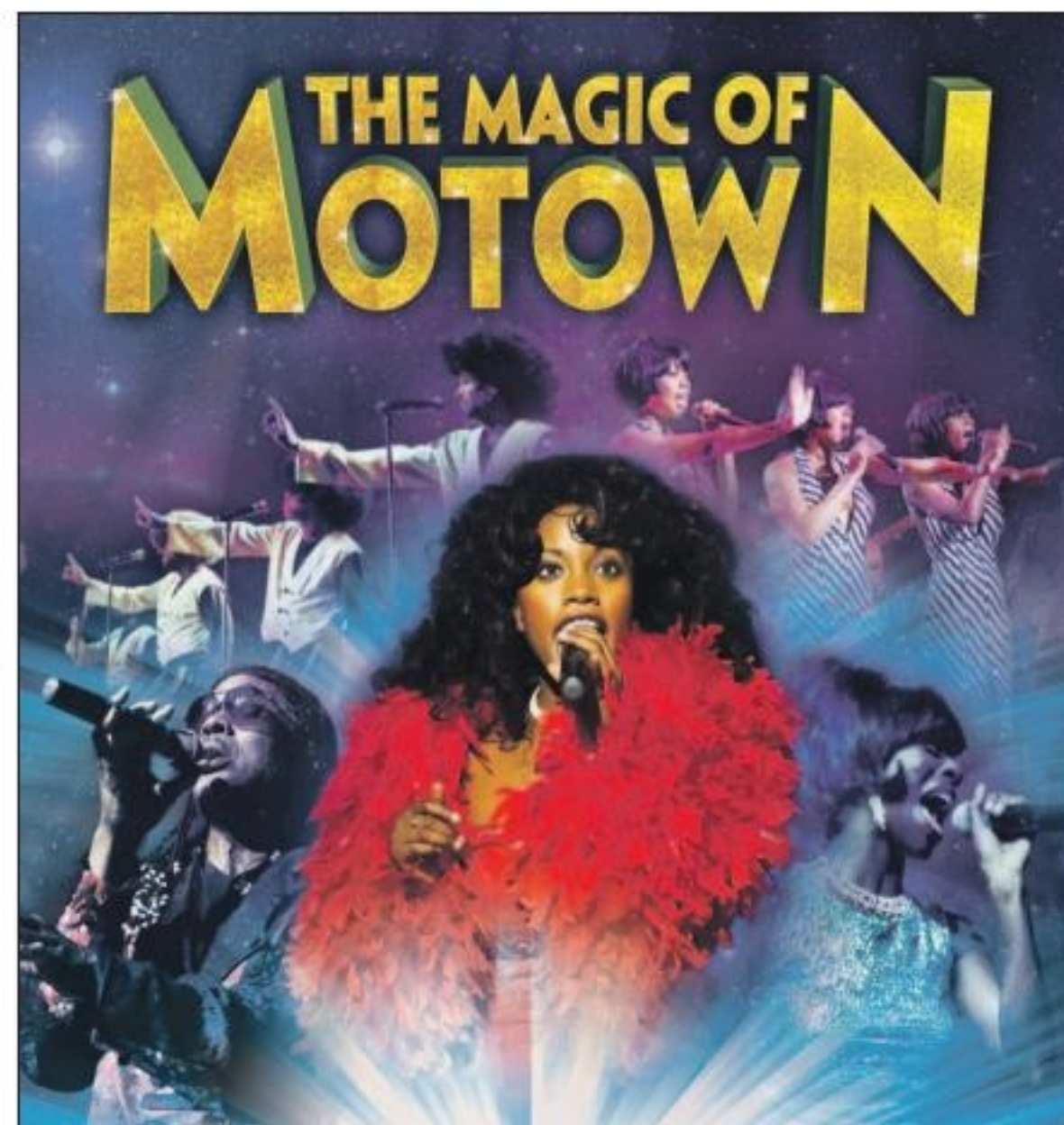
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## Two speed crossword

### Quick Clues Across

- 1 Platform (6)
- 7 Tract of level land (7)
- 8 Front cutting tooth (7)
- 9 Rows (5)
- 10 Physical features of a region (9)
- 12 Worn scrap of cloth (3)
- 13 Oceans (4)
- 15 Row of houses (7)
- 17 Dislike (4)
- 19 Fowl (3)
- 21 Making obese (9)
- 22 Circular frame (5)
- 23 Rule in tyrannical way (7)
- 24 Force exerted by reduced air pressure (7)
- 25 Joins (6)

### Quick Clues Down

- 1 Self-righteously moral (8)
- 2 Medical practitioner (6)
- 3 Sudden increase (7)
- 4 Over-quick (5)
- 5 Go back (6)
- 6 Unnecessary worry (4)
- 7 Readiness (11)
- 11 Entrance (4)
- 13 Viewed (4)
- 14 Proposes (8)
- 16 Debase (7)
- 18 Ditch (6)
- 20 Most agreeable (6)
- 21 Aptitude (5)
- 22 Sagacious (4)

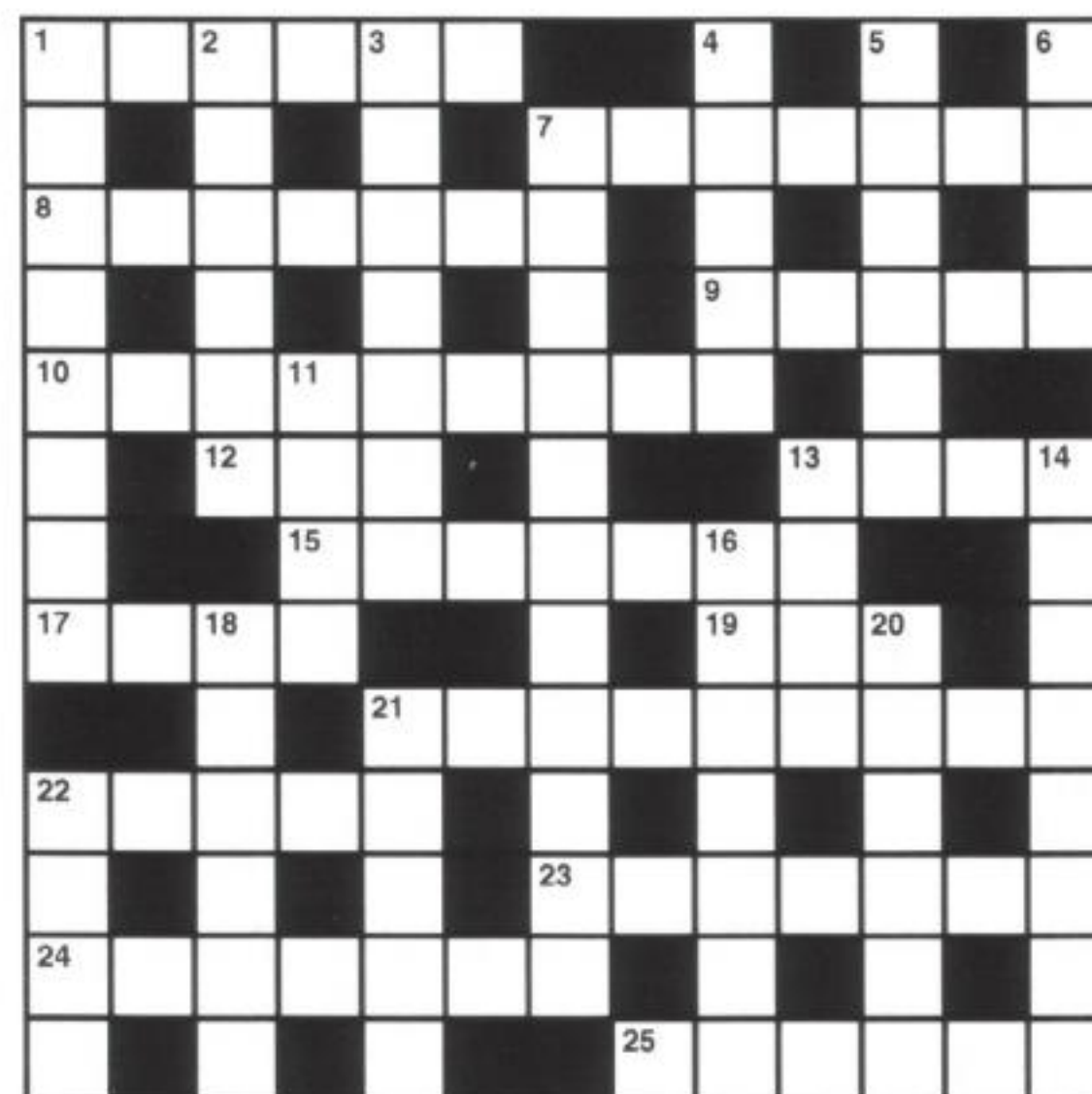
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### Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Guides the saints around for ever (6)
- 7 Festival drink for Pygmalion's love (7)
- 8 Reveal how Uncle begins to take over? (7)
- 9 A flower for the shepherd? (5)
- 10 Photographs sailors, in leading parts (4,5)
- 12 Note the bishop's office (3)
- 13 Lies about a little bit of land (4)
- 15 They are added to sum up the last article (7)
- 17 The essence of trusting is truth (4)
- 19 It's laid quite naturally (3)
- 21 They are responsible for many a storm in a teacup (9)
- 22 Postponement of French song (5)
- 23 Got stung? Annoyed, of course (7)
- 24 Go back and buy them another meal (7)
- 25 A Spanish gentleman is so good-looking (6)

### Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Packing with different fun gifts? (8)
- 2 Beats the former cavities (6)
- 3 The clergyman had a different side charged (7)
- 4 Thunderous applause (5)
- 5 Beastly places where engine cuts out (6)
- 6 Russian leader got German money by the sound of it (4)
- 7 10 have to face up to it (6,5)
- 11 Food sounds suitable (but not for vegetarians) (4)
- 13 Shakespearian character says 'I'll have a go' (4)
- 14 Is so deep in stories (8)
- 16 Set indeed is appointed (7)
- 18 A lute's used to welcome (6)
- 20 Fast-eating sprite? (6)
- 21 Does key work (5)
- 22 Most unfair (4)



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## Sudoku

The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", "regions", or "sub-squares") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a unique solution.

### EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

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### This week's solutions

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**Quick Crossword**  
Across: 1 Podium 7 Plateau 8 Incisor 9 Tiers 10 Geography  
12 Rag 13 Seas 15 Terrace 17 Hate 19 Hen 21 Fattening  
22 Wheel 23 Oppress 24 Suction 25 Unites  
Down: 1 Frigate 2 Doctor 3 Upsurge 4 Hastily 5 Recede 6 Fuss  
7 Preparation 11 Gate 13 Seen 14 Suggests 16 Cheaper  
18 Trench 20 Nicest 21 Hair 22 Wise

**Cryptic Crossword**  
Across: 1 Steers 7 Calathea 8 Uncover 9 Phlox 10 Film stars  
12 See 13 Isle 15 Addenda 17 Gist 19 Egg 21 Teaspoons 22 Delay  
23 Nettled 24 Retreat 25 Adonis  
Down: 1 Stuffing 2 Excess 3 Revised 4 Claps 5 Stalls 6 Marx  
7 Grease paint 11 Meat 13 Iago 14 Episodes 16 Deputed  
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# Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing **too little, too late** to protect their hard-earned assets.

## Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

**"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"**

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

**"Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?"**

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

## Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

**"Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document."**

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

**"People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance."**



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

## Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

**"Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything."**

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

**"Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work."**

"I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Bloodline Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

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	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	<b>Match of the Day, 10.30pm</b> 	<b>The Sweet Makers: A Georgian Treat, 5.40pm</b> 	<b>Catchphrase, 7.15pm</b> 	<b>Britain at Low Tide, 7pm</b> 	<b>Football on 5: The Championship, 9pm</b> 
<b>DAYTIME</b>	<b>6.00 Breakfast (S)</b> <b>9.30 World Athletics Championships 2017 (S)</b> <b>12.00 Football Focus (S)</b> <b>1.00 BBC News; Weather (S)</b> <b>1.15 Bargain Hunt (S)(R)</b> <b>2.15 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R)</b> <b>3.15 Escape to the Country (S)(R)</b> <b>4.00 Final Score (S)</b> <b>5.20 BBC News (S)</b> <b>5.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)</b> <b>5.40 Pointless Celebrities (S)(R)</b> <b>6.30 World Athletics Championships 2017 (S)</b>	<b>10.00 Saturday Kitchen (S)</b> <b>11.30 Food &amp; Drink (S)(R)</b> <b>12.00 World Athletics Championships 2017 (S)</b> <b>12.30 Nigel and Adam's Farm Kitchen (S)(R)</b> <b>1.30 James Stewart: Talking Pictures (S)(R)</b> <b>2.20 FILM The Philadelphia Story (1940) (U)</b> <b>4.10 Only Connect (S)(R)</b> <b>4.40 Gardeners' World (S)(R)</b> <b>5.40 The Sweet Makers: A Georgian Treat (S)(R)</b> <b>6.40 Iolo's Great Welsh Parks (S)</b>	<b>6.00 CITY 8.25 ITV News (S)</b> <b>8.30 Weekend (S)</b> <b>9.25 The Home Game (S)(R)</b> <b>10.20 Gok's Lunchbox (S)(R)</b> <b>11.20 1000 Heartbeats (S)(R)</b> <b>12.15 ITV News; Weather (S)</b> <b>12.25 Catchphrase (S)(R)</b> <b>1.10 Midsomer Murders (S)(R)</b> <b>3.10 FILM Uncle Buck (1989) (12)</b> <b>5.00 Little Big Shots USA (S)</b> <b>6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)</b> <b>6.05 ITV News (S)</b> <b>6.15 You've Been Framed! Finest (S)(R)</b>	<b>6.40 Mobil 1 The Grid (S)</b> <b>7.05 British GT Championship (S)</b> <b>7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R)</b> <b>8.25 Frasier (S)(R)</b> <b>9.30 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R)</b> <b>10.50 The Simpsons (S)(R)</b> <b>11.55 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R)</b> <b>12.50 Four in a Bed (S)(R)</b> <b>3.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S)(R)</b> <b>4.35 Big House, Little House (S)</b> <b>5.35 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (S)(R)</b> <b>6.30 Channel 4 News (S)</b>	<b>6.00 Milkshake! 10.30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R)</b> <b>10.50 Budgies Make You Laugh Out Loud</b> Internet clips featuring the antics of budgies and other birds. <b>(S)(R)</b> <b>11.50 Police Interceptors (S)(R)</b> <b>1.50 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun (S)(R)</b> <b>3.45 Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords (S)(R)</b> <b>5.40 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R)</b>
<b>7</b>		<b>7.10 Proms Extra</b> Revisiting the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain's performance last weekend. <b>(S)</b> <b>7.50 Dad's Army (S)(R)</b>	<b>7.15 Catchphrase</b> Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. <b>(S)</b>	<b>7.00 Britain at Low Tide</b> Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands investigate Merseyside's coastal archaeology. <b>(S)(R)</b>	<b>7.30 The Adele Story</b> Documentary charting the career of pop and soul singer Adele. <b>(S)(R)</b>
<b>8</b>		<b>8.20 FILM Alice in Wonderland (2010) (PG)</b> Fantasy adventure, starring Mia Wasikowska and Johnny Depp. <b>(S)</b>	<b>8.00 Joanna Lumley - Elvis and Me</b> The actress goes on a personal journey to discover more about Elvis. <b>(S)(R)</b>	<b>8.00 Paul O'Grady's Hollywood</b> The presenter sets out to determine what makes a classic movie musical, from Disney hits such as Mary Poppins and Frozen. <b>(S)</b>	<b>8.55 5 News Weekend (S)</b>
<b>9</b>			<b>9.00 The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song</b> A countdown of the King's 20 greatest hits, as voted for by the public. <b>(S)(R)</b>	<b>9.00 FILM Red 2 (2013) (12)</b> An ex-CIA agent reassembles his team of retired operatives to recover an advanced weapon that has gone missing. Action thriller, with Bruce Willis. <b>(S)</b>	<b>9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Highlights</b> from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sheffield Wednesday v Queens Park Rangers. <b>(S)</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>10.10 BBC News; Weather; (S)</b> National Lottery Update <b>(S)</b> <b>10.30 Match of the Day</b> Gary Lineker presents action from the opening round of Premier League fixtures. <b>(S)</b>	<b>10.00 Performance Live - Flood: To the Sea (S)</b> <b>10.30 Golf: USPGA Championship</b> Eilidh Barbour presents live coverage of the closing stages of day three. <b>(S)</b>	<b>10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)</b> <b>10.45 FILM Tomorrow Never Dies (1997) (12)</b> Spy adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan, Jonathan Pryce, Teri Hatcher and Michelle Yeoh. <b>(S)</b>		<b>10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush</b> Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two. <b>(S)</b> <b>10.30 Celebrity Big Brother</b> Highlights from Friday. <b>(S)</b>
<b>11</b>				<b>11.15 FILM Let's Be Cops (2014) (15)</b> Premiere. Comedy, starring Jake Johnson and Damon Wayans Jr. <b>(S)</b>	<b>11.30 Lip Sync Battle UK: Manford v Keegan</b> Comedian Jason Manford and actress Michelle Keegan compete. <b>(S)(R)</b>
<b>AFTER 12</b>	<b>12.00 FILM Buried (2010) (15)</b> Thriller, starring Ryan Reynolds. <b>(S)</b> <b>1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead (S)</b> <b>1.40 BBC News (S)</b>	<b>12.15 FILM The Way (2010) (12)</b> Comedy drama, starring Martin Sheen. <b>(S)</b> <b>2.15 This Is BBC Two (S)</b>	<b>1.00 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R)</b> <b>3.50 ITV Nightscreen</b>	<b>1.10 Eden: Paradise Lost (S)(R)</b> <b>2.05 The Last Leg (S)(R)</b> <b>3.00 Hollyoaks (S)</b> <b>5.05 Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)</b>	<b>12.00 SuperCasino (S)</b> <b>3.10 Cat 8 (S)(R)</b> <b>4.40 Lip Sync Battle UK: Manford v Keegan (S)(R)</b> <b>5.05 Great Scientists (S)(R)</b> <b>5.35 Wildlife SOS (S)(R)</b>

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## ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

**6.00** Adam Lambert: The Hot Desk **6.10** Emmerdale **9.05** Coronation Street **11.30** Take Me Out **12.55** Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule **1.20** You've Been Framed! Gold Yearbook **2.25** FILM: Planet 51 (2009) (U) Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Dwayne Johnson. **3.25** FYI Daily **3.30** FILM: Planet 51 (2009) (U) Concluded. **4.15** FILM: Liar Liar (1997) (12) Comedy, starring Jim Carrey. **5.20** FYI Daily **5.25** FILM: Liar Liar (1997) (12) Concluded. **5.55** FILM: A Bug's Life (1998) (U) Pixar animation, with the voices of Dave Foley and Kevin Spacey. **6.55** FYI Daily **7.00** FILM: A Bug's Life (1998) (U) Concluded. **8.00** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) (12) Superhero adventure sequel, starring Andrew Garfield. **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05** FILM: The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (2014) (12) Concluded. **10.45** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **12.45** FILM: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) (15) Romantic comedy, starring Jason Segel and Kristen Bell. **1.45** FYI Daily **1.50** FILM: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) (15) Concluded. **2.45** Emma Willis: The Hot Desk **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

## ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

**6.00** Murder, She Wrote **8.50** The Darling Buds of May **9.55** FILM: Columbo: Butterfly in Shades of Grey (1993) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and William Shatner. **11.55** FILM: Carry On Cruising (1962) (U) Comedy, starring Sid James. **12.55** FYI Daily **1.00** FILM: Carry On Cruising (1962) (U) Concluded. **1.50** Wycliffe **3.00** Lewis **4.55** Housewife, 49 **7.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.00** Foyle's War **11.00** Law & Order: UK **1.55** Rising Damp **2.20** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

## BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

**7.00** The Brain with David Eagleman **8.00** Britain's Treasure Islands **9.00** I Know Who You Are **11.40** Top of the Pops: 1984 **12.40** How Quizzing Got Cool: TV's Brains of Britain **1.40** How to Make a Number One Record **2.40** Britain's Treasure Islands **3.40** Close

## E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

**6.00** The Goldbergs **6.55** Couples Come Dine with Me **9.00** Coach Trip: Road to Zante **11.35** Made in Chelsea: Ibiza **12.35** How I Met Your Mother **1.35** The Goldbergs **4.00** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **4.15** The Big Bang Theory **7.50** FILM: Night at the Museum (2006) (PG) Fantasy comedy, starring Ben Stiller. **10.00** FILM: The Host

# DIGITAL

(2013) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan. **12.25** Gogglebox **2.20** Rude Tube **3.15** Tattoo Fixers **4.10** How I Met Your Mother **4.55** Rude(ish) Tube

## MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

**8.55** River Cottage Bites **9.25** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **1.35** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes **2.40** Come Dine with Me **5.25** Four in a Bed **8.00** The Royal House of Windsor **9.00** Diana: In Her Own Words **10.50** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.55** Father Ted **2.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **3.05** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.45** Close

## FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

**11.00** Courage Mountain (1990) (U) Children's adventure, starring Juliette Caton. **1.00** Dr Dolittle (1998) (PG) Comedy, starring Eddie Murphy. **2.40** Dr Dolittle 2 (2001) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. **4.20** Dr Dolittle 3 (2006) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Kyla Pratt. **6.10** Robin Hood (2010) (12) Medieval adventure, starring Russell Crowe. **9.00** Riddick (2013) (15) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Vin Diesel. **11.20** Zombieland (2009) (15) Comedy horror, starring Woody Harrelson and Jesse Eisenberg. **1.00** Wake in Fright (1971) (18) Thriller, starring Donald Pleasence. **3.15** Close

## DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

**6.00** Home Shopping **7.00** Dara O Briain's Go 8 Bit **8.00** Top Gear: Top Laps **9.00** Projects **10.00** Sin City Motors **12.00** Top Gear **1.00** Motorway Cops **3.00** Room 101 **5.00** Would I Lie to You? **7.40** Not Going Out **9.00** QI XL **10.00** FILM: Austin Powers: The Spy Who S\*\*\*\*\*d Me (1999) (12) Comedy sequel, starring Mike Myers. **12.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **1.00** QI XL **2.00** Russell Howard's Good News **2.35** Parks and Recreation **4.00** Home Shopping

## DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

**7.25** Birds of a Feather **8.00** The Last Detective **11.00** Sharpe **1.00** When the Boat Comes In **5.00** Porridge **5.40** Last of the Summer Wine **7.00** Maisie Raine **8.00** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Taggart **12.00** Waking the Dead **2.25** The Lost World **4.00** Home Shopping

## SKY1 SKY: 106

**6.00** Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew **7.00** The Dog Whisperer **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **8.30** The F1 Show **9.00** Premier League Prediction Show **9.30** Premier League Preview Show **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30**

What's Up **12.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **1.00** The Dog Whisperer **3.00** It's Me or the Dog **4.00** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** A Premier League of Their Own **9.00** FILM: Groundhog Day (1993) (PG) Comedy, starring Bill Murray. **11.00** Micky Flanagan Thinking Aloud **12.00** A League of Their Own: Unseen **1.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **2.00** Most Daring **4.00** RSPCA Animal Rescue

## SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

**6.00** The Guest Wing **9.00** The British **11.00** A Plastic Tide **12.00** A Plastic Whale **1.00** House **4.00** Without a Trace **5.15** TBA **6.00** Without a Trace **9.00** The Pacific **11.20** Ballers **11.55** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.30** Real Time with Bill Maher **1.40** Twin Peaks: The Return **2.50** The Putin Interviews **4.00** Storm City

## W SKY: 109

**6.00** Beauty and the Beast **7.00** Inside the Ambulance **8.00** The Bill **1.00** EastEnders **3.30** FILM: Spy Kids (2001) (U) Family adventure, starring Antonio Banderas. **5.20** My Family **6.00** My Family Christmas Special **7.20** My Family **8.00** One Born: What Happened Next? **9.00** FILM: xXx (2002) (12) Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel. **11.30** Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders **12.30** Inside the Ambulance **1.30** The Musketeers **2.30** EastEnders: Ricky and Bianca **3.00** Home Shopping

## GOLD SKY: 110

**7.10** Waiting for God **8.10** Butterflies **9.00** Last of the Summer Wine **11.00** Gavin & Stacey **9.40** Mrs Brown's Boys **10.20** Gavin & Stacey **11.00** Bottom **12.20** Black Books **2.30** Big Train **4.00** Home Shopping

## SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

**6.00** Through the Night **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **10.00** Soccer AM **11.30** Live Premier League. Watford v Liverpool (kick-off 12.30pm). **3.15** Live Super League: The Qualifiers. Leigh Centurions v Hull Kingston Rovers (kick-off 3.15pm). **5.15** Live EFL. Middlesbrough v Sheffield United (Kick-off 5.30pm). Coverage of the Championship match from Riverside Stadium, featuring sides who were separated by two divisions last term. **7.45** EFL Greatest Games **8.00** Live ATP Masters Tennis. The Rogers Cup. Further coverage of day six from Uniprix Stadium in Montreal, featuring the second semi-final. **10.00** Sky Sports News at Ten **11.00** Through the Night



# A splash-tastic day out



By Josh Cox

A short trip down Burcot Lane, Berinsfield will lead you to a beautiful blue lake; nestled on top is Oxfordshire's latest, greatest... and wettest attraction, Oxford Aqua Park.

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full body wetsuits can be hired, keeping you comfortably warm in all weather scenarios.

If you fancy keeping dry while your little ones let off some steam, then you can enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee and other nibbles from the on-site café, which over looks the lake.

The facilities are remarkably dry,

very clean and easy to access.

Parents and guardians can rest assured that your loved ones will be in a safe environment as the Aqua Park hosts at least four, fully trained and professional life guard at any one time. The safety briefings are concise and easy to understand, allowing everyone to have the maximum amount of fun

throughout the session.

Oxford Aqua Park is open seven days a week; with free parking on site and affordable admission costs this wet and wild activity makes a perfect day out for anyone aged six and over. Booking in advance is strongly advised due to the Park's popularity, to do so please call 07376 976734 or visit [oxfordaquapark.com](http://oxfordaquapark.com)



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# Sunday August 13th

	BBC1	BBC2	ITV	Channel 4	Channel 5
	<b>Countryfile, 6pm</b> 	<b>Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge, 5.30pm</b> 	<b>The Chase Celebrity Extreme Mountain Challenge, 6.30pm</b> 	<b>Gogglebox: The Best Bits, 10pm</b> 	<b>Autopsy: Cory Monteith, 10.05pm</b> 
<b>DAYTIME</b>	<b>7.25 Match of the Day (S)(R) 9.00 BBC News (S) 10.00 Sunday Morning Live (S) 11.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 12.00 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Wanted Down Under (S)(R) 2.00 Escape to the Continent (S)(R) 3.00 Flog It! (S)(R) 4.00 Super Small Animals (S)(R) 5.00 Songs of Praise (S) 5.35 BBC News (S) 5.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 6.00 Countryfile (S)</b>	<b>8.50 Countryfile (S)(R) 9.45 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites (S) 11.15 Nadiya's British Food Adventure (S)(R) 11.45 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food (S)(R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 World Athletics Championships 2017 (S) 4.30 Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney (S)(R) 5.30 Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge (S)(R) 6.30 World Athletics Championships 2017 (S)</b>	<b>10.25 Long Lost Family (S)(R) 11.25 Love Your Garden (S)(R) 12.25 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.30 James Martin's French Adventure (S)(R) 1.00 Rebound (S)(R) 2.00 Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 (S) 4.45 Bear Grylls Survival School (S)(R) 5.10 All Star Family Fortunes (S)(R) 6.10 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.15 ITV News (S) 6.30 The Chase Celebrity Special (S)</b>	<b>6.00 Jamie's Comfort Food (S)(R) 6.15 Last Man Standing (S) 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.25 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.30 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces (S)(R) 1.30 The Simpsons (S)(R) 2.30 FILM Volcano (1997) (12) (S) 4.35 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun (S)(R) 5.35 Homes by the Med (S) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)</b>	<b>11.25 Football on 5: Goal Rush (S)(R) 11.55 FILM Haunted Honeycomb (1986) (PG) (S) 1.30 Make You Laugh Out Loud 2.00 Now That's Funny! (S)(R) 3.00 Disobedient Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 4.00 Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 5.00 Brides Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 6.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud (S)(R) 6.55 5 News Weekend (S)</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>7.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould investigate the complex and controversial stories surrounding the origins of valuable works of art. (S)(R)</b>		<b>7.30 FILM Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (2010) (12) Fantasy adventure, with Daniel Radcliffe and Ralph Fiennes. (S)</b>	<b>7.00 FILM Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb (2014) (PG) Premiere. Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller and Robin Williams. (S)</b>	<b>7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away Agents Paul and Steve face a moral dilemma in south London. (S)(R)</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>8.00 World Athletics Championships 2017 Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the 10th and concluding evening at The London Stadium. (S)</b>	<b>8.00 Secrets of Silicon Valley Part two of two. Jamie Bartlett investigates the impact of technology on democracy. (S)</b>			<b>8.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away High Court Enforcement Agents Paul and Phil are involved in a brothel eviction. (S)(R)</b>
<b>9</b>		<b>9.00 North Korea: Murder in the Family Documentary examining the murder of the North Korean dictator's half-brother Kim Jong-nam. (S)</b>		<b>9.00 Valkyrien New series. A surgeon open an illegal underground clinic in a disused bunker, treating criminals and refugees as he seeks a cure for his wife's terminal condition.</b>	<b>9.00 Celebrity Big Brother The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (S)</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.30 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman presents action from this afternoon's fixtures. (S)</b>	<b>10.00 Golf: USPGA Championship Eilidh Barbour presents live coverage of the closing stages of day four at the fourth and final Major of the year. (S)</b>	<b>10.15 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.35 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories Barrister Robert Rinder examines the UK's biggest ever drugs bust. Last in the series. (S)(R)</b>	<b>10.00 Gogglebox: The Best Bits The best and funniest moments from the recent series, including armchair TV reviews of Culinary Genius, Britain's Got Talent and Line of Duty. (S)(R)</b>	<b>10.05 Autopsy: Cory Monteith Forensic pathologist Jason Payne-James investigates the death of the Glee star at the age of 31. (S)</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>11.30 Brendan Foster: A Life in Athletics An insight into the career of the broadcaster and former athlete. (S)(R)</b>		<b>11.35 Take Me Out An account manager from Leeds, a housing executive from Belfast, and a professional BMX rider from Portsmouth. (S)(R)</b>	<b>11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown n Sean Lock and guest captain Sarah Millican are joined by Roisin Conaty and Rhod Gilbert. (S)(R)</b>	<b>11.05 FILM The Boy Next Door (2008) (12) Thriller, with Dina Meyer and Woody Jeffreys. (S)</b>
<b>AFTER 12</b>	<b>12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 12.20 BBC News (S)</b>	<b>12.15 FILM The Body (2012) (15) Thriller, starring Jose Coronado. 2.00 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 2.55 Holby City (S)(R) 3.55 This Is BBC Two (S)</b>	<b>12.45 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 British Superbike Championship Highlights (S) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)</b>	<b>12.05 FILM Ouija (2014) (15) (S) 1.35 60 Days in Jail (S)(R) 2.30 Gillette World Sport (S) 2.55 KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) 3.20 Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) 3.50 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 4.45 Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R)</b>	<b>12.40 Criminals: Caught on Camera (S)(R) 1.05 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Cat 8 (S)(R) 4.35 Now That's Funny! (S)(R) 5.20 Wildlife SOS (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)</b>

## DIGITAL

### ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Mr Bean 6.25 Emmerdale 9.25 Coronation Street 11.50 Ninja Warrior UK 12.50 Mr Bean 1.55 You've Been Framed! Gold 2.25 FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) Fantasy comedy, starring Dustin Hoffman and Natalie Portman. 3.25 FYI Daily 3.30 FILM: Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U) Concluded. 4.20 FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) Comedy, starring Rupert Everett. 5.25 FYI Daily 5.30 FILM: St Trinian's (2007) (12) Concluded. 6.15 FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Adam Sandler. 7.15 FYI Daily 7.20 FILM: Hotel Transylvania (2012) (U) Concluded. 8.00 FILM: Crazy, Stupid, Love (2011) (12) Premiere. Comedy, starring Steve Carell. 9.05 FYI Daily 9.10 FILM: Crazy, Stupid, Love (2011) (12) Concluded. 10.20 Family Guy 11.50 American Dad! 1.15 The Cleveland Show 2.10 The Vamps: The Hot Desk 2.20 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

### ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 FILM: Carry On Cruising (1962) (U) Comedy, starring Sid James. 7.00 FYI Daily 7.05 FILM: Carry On Cruising (1962) (U) Concluded. 7.35 Heartbeat 9.40 Murder, She Wrote 11.35 The Darling Buds of May 12.40 Heidi 2.55 Wycliffe 4.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 Midsomer Murders 10.00 Law & Order: UK 12.00 Wire in the Blood 2.00 Lewis 3.40 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four 5.30 ITV3 Nightscreen

### BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 BBC Proms 2017 9.20 John Denver at Wembley Arena 10.00 The Sky at Night 10.30 Black Roses: The Killing of Sophie Lancaster 11.15 Return to Betjemanland 12.15 The Man Who Fought the Planners: The Story of Ian Nairn 1.15 Storyville: Russia's Toughest Prison - The Condemned 2.35 How Quizzing Got Cool: TV's Brains of Britain 3.35 Close

### E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Rude(ish) Tube 6.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.25 Hollyoaks 11.00 Made in Chelsea: Ibiza 12.05 FILM: Escape from Planet Earth (2013) (U) Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Rob Corddry. 1.50 Rude(ish) Tube Shorts 2.00 Kevin Can Wait 2.30 The Goldbergs 4.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 FILM: Beautiful Creatures (2013) (12) Fantasy, starring Alden Ehrenreich. 10.25 Don't Tell the Bride 11.30 Tattoo

Fixers on Holiday 12.35 Body Fixers 1.40 Gogglebox

2.25 Rude Tube 3.45 Hollyoaks

### MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location 12.10 Come Dine with Me 2.50 Four in a Bed 5.25 Come Dine with Me 8.00 The Secret Life of the Zoo 9.00 Paul O'Grady's Hollywood 10.05 Father Ted 11.15 Small, Far Away: The World of Father Ted 12.20 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 1.20 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 2.15 Paul O'Grady's Hollywood 3.15 8 Out of 10 Cats Uncut 3.55 Close

### FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Thunderbirds Are Go! (1966) (U) Puppet adventure, with the voice of Shane Rimmer. 1.00 Picture Perfect (1997) (PG) Romantic comedy, with Jennifer Aniston and Jay Mohr. 3.00 Dragonball Evolution (2009) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Justin Chatwin. 4.40 Shrek (2001) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Mike Myers. 6.25 The Way Back (2010) (12) Drama, starring Ed Harris. 9.00 The Heat (2013) (15) Action comedy, starring Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy. 11.20 Vertigo (1958) (PG) Hitchcock thriller, starring James Stewart. 1.55 Hitchcock/Truffaut (2015) (12) Documentary exploring Alfred Hitchcock's work and influence. 3.40 Close

### DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Top Gear 9.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 10.00 Motorway Cops 12.00 Top Gear 2.00 Would I Lie to You? 4.00 Top Gear 6.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 7.00 Cops UK: Bodycam Squad 8.00 Traffic Cops 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 10.00 Taskmaster 11.00 Live at the Apollo 12.00 QI XL 1.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 1.55 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 2.50 Parks and Recreation 3.35 Lizard Lick Towing 4.00 Home Shopping

### DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.00 The Bill 10.45 Call the Midwife 2.45 Catherine Cookson's The Tide of Life 5.45 The Musketeers 7.00 Murdoch Mysteries 8.00 The Doctor Blake Mysteries 9.00 Silent Witness 11.25 Taggart 2.20 The Lost World 4.00 Home Shopping

### SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Futurama 9.30 Duck Quacks Don't Echo 10.00 WWE Raw Hits 11.00 MacGyver 4.00

Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 David Attenborough's Galapagos 9.00 Ross Kemp: Extreme World 10.00 The Force: North East 11.00 Zoo 12.00 A League of Their Own: Unseen 1.00 Most Daring 3.00 Road Wars 4.00 RSPCA Animal Rescue

### SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing 8.00 Fish Town 11.00 House 2.00 The Bachelor King 3.30 David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive 5.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 10.00 Real Time with Bill Maher 11.10 1993 12.25 Ballers 1.00 Game of Thrones 3.10 Twin Peaks: The Return 4.20 Storm City 5.10 The Guest Wing

### W SKY: 109

6.11 Beauty and the Beast 7.00 Celebrity MasterChef 12.30 Doctor Who 4.00 My Family 4.40 My Family Christmas Special 6.00 Outnumbered 8.00 One Born Every Minute 10.00 KKK: The Fight for White Supremacy 11.20 Criminal Minds: Beyond Borders 12.20 One Born Every Minute 1.20 The Musketeers 2.15 Wild Justice 3.00 Home Shopping

### GOLD SKY: 110

7.20 Waiting for God 7.50 Last of the Summer Wine 10.30 Gavin & Stacey 3.35 Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special 4.55 Gavin & Stacey 9.40 Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special 11.00 Mrs Brown's Boys 11.40 Men Behaving Badly 1.00 The Trip 2.15 Big Train 3.20 Men Behaving Badly 4.00 Home Shopping

### SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night 7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans 9.00 Cricket Writers on TV 10.00 Sky Sports Today 11.00 Goals on Sunday 12.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday, Newcastle United v Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off 1.30pm). Coverage of the Premier League clash from St James' Park. 3.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday, Manchester United v West Ham United (kick-off 4.00pm). This afternoon's Premier League double bill concludes with a clash between the Red Devils and the Hammers at Old Trafford. 7.00 Transfer Centre 7.30 Sky Sports Tonight 8.00 20 Years of El Clasico 8.45 La Liga Greatest Games 8.55 Live Spanish Super Cup, Real Madrid v Barcelona (kick-off 9.00pm). Coverage of the first leg of the curtain-raiser to the La Liga season from the Bernabeu. 11.00 Through the Night

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# ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

## Powerful tale of a real-life crisis

By Samantha McGregor

A NEW children's show is to be staged in Oxford telling the story of three unaccompanied children's journey to seek refuge in the UK.

The Runner opens at the Burton Taylor Studio at the Oxford Playhouse today and runs until Saturday.

This production, from Oxford's Magdalen College School Drama, tells the story of a young refugee's journey for survival.

Prior to their Edinburgh Fringe run at Underbelly, MCS Drama return to the BT Studio with this powerful tale based on the real-life experiences of young people caught up in the current refugee crisis.

Nina always thought she loved adventures – she's always getting herself into scrapes and it's lucky she's quick on her feet.



But this adventure is different, this is for real and there's no room for mistakes.

Life will never be quite the same for Nina, but she's not one to give up.

Using action, puppets and live music, the play follows 12-year-old Nina, her big brother Taz, and their annoying neighbour, nicknamed the Fart Champion, on an epic journey over land and sea as they seek refuge far from home.

Drawing on refugee stories, The Runner was written for, and performed by, a company of young British school chil-

dren aged 14-17yrs – similar in age to the MCS cast.

Director Francesca Murray-Fuentes said: "Child refugee figures have jumped by 75 per cent in five years to 50 million child migrants worldwide.

"I created The Runner in response to this. I think it's so important to help children here understand the difficulties and struggles that other young people their age face across the world, to begin to put themselves in another's shoes.

"In this production we've drawn on the tradition of children's adventure stories to bring this to them in a sensitive, accessible and educational way.

"Much of the content and storyline was a complete revelation to the cast, and we hope that the play will do the same for its young audiences."

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# ENTERTAINMENT & LEISURE

## Jungle star to judge food fair

By Samantha McGregor

TELEVISION chef Rosemary Shrager will be the guest of honour at Banbury's popular food fair.

Rosemary, who became a national favourite when she took part in ITV reality show *I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out Of Here* in 2012, will be joined by fellow TV food experts Andrew Scott, Nick Bennett and Saira Hamilton.

Organised by Banbury Town Council, the event takes place on Sunday, August 20, opening from 10.30am until 4.30pm.

In the 'get me out of here' jungle Rosemary showed she could cook anything, anywhere.

Rosemary is also known for appearing on TV cookery programmes such as *Ladette to Lady*, *Rosemary Shrager's School for Cooks*, *This Morning*, and *The Alan Titchmarsh Show*.

Her latest shows include *The Real Marigold Hotel* and *The Real Marigold on Tour*. She will be joined at the



Food Fair by fellow TV experts Andrew Scott, Nick Bennett and Saira Hamilton.

One of her fellow experts Andrew achieved a life-long dream in 2016 by taking part in the *Great British Menu* representing the Central Region, while Nick reached the finals of BBC2's *MasterChef The Professionals* in 2015.

Saira is a chef, food presenter and author best known as a *MasterChef* finalist in 2013, winning high praise

for her Bengali-inspired food.

Banbury Food Fair is an event that packs the town's Market Place with more than a hundred stalls selling delicacies and specialities from around the world.

Food and drink from countries far and wide is available to sample and buy. There will also be cookery demonstrations by the celebrity chefs.

Cllr Colin Clarke, chairman of the council's general services committee, said:



Celebrity judge Rosemary Shrager will be at the Banbury Food Fair which last year attracted 12,000 visitors, top right

"The Food Fair is one of Banbury's most popular events and attracts thousands of people."

"Last year's Food Fair attracted around 12,000 visitors. It celebrates everything good about food and drink."

Banbury's Flower and Produce Show will run alongside the Food Fair.

Local growers and producers will enter fruit, vegetables, flowers, jams, cakes across six categories and 93 classes.

### Swing back to 80s

**MUSIC:** Residents in Bicester are being invited to Rewind to the 80s on August 26.

Garth Park, in Launton Road, will once again be the setting for a party with a 1980s theme.

Gates open at 6.30pm and the event finishes at 10pm. Tickets cost £10. For more information call organiser Bicester Town Council on 01869 252915.

### Cleese close up

**OXFORD:** Join actor, comedian and writer John Cleese as he talks about his life, work and current medical problems.

He's best known as one of members of Monty Python and his character Basil Fawlty has gone down in the annals as one of the greatest comic character creations.

He takes to the stage at the Oxford Playhouse on August 31.

### Into the ring

**OXFORD:** Taking to the Burton Taylor Theatre next month is *White Feather Boxer*, which tells the story of an elderly boxing trainer who is fighting the demons of his past.

The production is staged over two nights, September 7 and 8. See [www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)

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## Double bill at Bullingdon

By Samantha McGregor

CELEBRATING the success of their latest album, Danny & The Champions Of The World are set to hit the Oxford stage.

Supported by William The Conqueror, the bands will play at The Bullingdon, Cowley Road, Oxford, on September 22.

Brilliant Light is the sixth album from Danny and Co, and Swift Street is the first song to be shared.

Swift Street is deeply personal to Danny George Wilson who co-wrote the song with Polly Paulusma and Carra Bacon.

Inspired by three family photographs, Swift Street, in Melbourne, Australia, is where Danny's mother grew up and where in childhood he stayed with his grandparents.

Producer and bass player Chris Clarke reckons outright it's the 'best record the band has come up with so far', while Danny is more modest.

He said: "It's a bit like taking a peek into somebody's house, there's great stuff that immediately grabs your attention and then there's other stuff and you start out thinking it might be a bit mundane, but as the whole picture



Danny and The Champions of the World will be joined by William The Conqueror at The Bullingdon next month

takes shape it proves to be incredibly beautiful"

Ahead of the gig, Ruarri, frontman from William The Conqueror, took time out to talk to the Oxfordshire Guardian.

Ruarri described their music style as 'uniquely unapologetic, self-taught ex-grunge kids grow up and play guitars, drums, bass and sing with

serious tongue in a serious cheek."

His inspiration, he said: "Getting tough with myself over what I want and what I think others want from me.

"Musically really anything goes. The song matters most and you can be blown away by any genre if that's the case."

It's not the first time William The

Conqueror have played Oxford, and Ruarri giving nothing away about the gig, when asked what the audience can expect, he said: "I just read a book about true happiness coming from living a life without expectations. Let's try that."

For more information view thebullingdon.co.uk

Watch out for the Gruffalo



JULIA Donaldson's tall tale The Gruffalo rolls into Oxford this month ready to delight children.

The Gruffalo takes to the stage at the Oxford Playhouse from August 22 to 26.

The production is a musical adaptation of the popular book, which was published in 1999 and went on to sell more than 13 million copies.

The story follows the adventure of a mouse who takes a walk in a forest and meets the cunning Fox, the eccentric old Owl and the party-mad Snake.

Will the story of the terrifying Gruffalo save Mouse from ending up as dinner for these hungry woodland creatures? After all, there's no such thing as a Gruffalo! - is there?

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Mitsubishi Outlander 4 - 2.2 DI-D Automatic (2017)

## One great 4x4 for a great price

By **Tony Yates**

I KNOW many people who own a Range Rover who would happily swear that they are the best 4x4 on the market – and they might have a point, but I'm here with the new 2017 model Outlander, and if I was you, I would not discount the Outlander quite yet. Also, you might not know this, but the Outlander has actually been around for many years, which makes it more than capable of keeping up with the likes of the Range Rover – not only in style, but also in comfort.

To be honest I get easily bored listening to my mates going on about how the Range Rover is the best 4x4 ever made – when actually I happen to think that the Outlander is pretty good too and, given the price difference, I'm afraid I would go with buying the Outlander.

### Power & efficiency

Powered by a 2.2L 16V 4 cylinder DOHC turbocharged & intercooled

diesel engine with 150PS @ 3500rpm and a max torque figure of around 360Nm. Fuel consumption is also very good returning a very impressive 48mpg (combined). If you are interested in 0-62 times then it will arrive in around 11.6sec and the top speed will max out at 118mph – so not bad at all then. I also liked the automatic gearbox because it was not remotely sluggish at all and it felt very in tune with the driven wheels no matter what the surface was doing.

### On the road

As you know – the Outlander is a proper 4x4 which means it can do no wrong in my book. I have tested a lot of 4WD cars this year and they have all felt pretty good on the road but the Outlander feels more at home when pushed hard over rough ground – even when driven into the muddy hills around where I live. Plus the Outlander was built to do all this while still keeping you safe and sound on the inside, no matter where you take

it off-road, it will just keep on rolling.

### Interior & technology

Mitsubishi really has gone above and beyond in making the Outlander stand out above the competition with its pleasing lines that are not only visual on the inside, but pleasing to see on the outside too. There is also a lot of detail around the dashboard – where all the controls have been brilliantly done by the Mitsubishi designers to make them feel unfussy and well laid out for the driver.

The Outlander's generous equipment levels are also good with features such as; blind spot warning and rear cross traffic alert, LED headlamps with washers and auto-levelling, LED front fog lamps, electric glass sunroof, power tailgate, leather seats, heated front seats with powered driver's seat, heated steering wheel, satellite navigation with HD, seven inch touchscreen, DAB radio, gloss black front door and dashboard trim panels and a 360-degree camera (automatic model).



• The Mitsubishi Outlander gives the Range Rover a run for its money

### To sum up

The Outlander is a great car for a great price – and actually feels exactly like a proper 4x4. So, whether you are a

family looking for a one size fits all 4x4 or a farmer looking for his next big load slugger – there is no doubt in my mind that the Outlander is out to please. Price: OTR from £34,055 (Auto).

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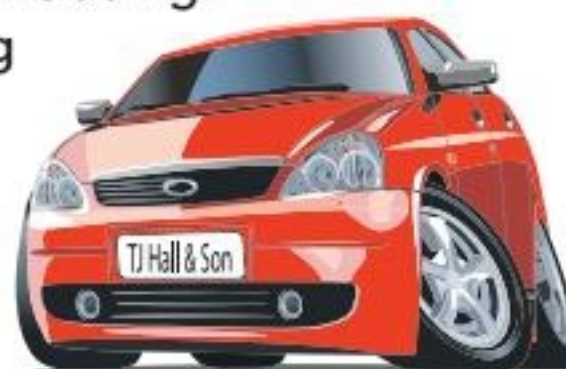
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# Smith calls an early end to race



Bradley Smith had a disappointing afternoon in the Czech Republic. Picture: Gold and Goose

By Adam Flinn

## MotoGP

TECHNICAL issues saw MotoGP rider Bradley Smith fail to finish in the Czech Republic on Sunday, on a day when his team enjoyed their best result of the season.

Oxford's Smith was forced to retire one lap from the end in a wet/dry race at the Brno circuit after suffering a problem with his 'dry bike'.

All the riders started on the 'wet bike', but made the switch in the first few laps as the track dried up.

The 26-year-old KTM rider was

one of the first to make the switch, but this led to a problem developing on the 'dry bike' and in the end he decided to stop before the end.

However there was elation for his team-mate Pol Espargaro, who brought his bike home in ninth place to record KTM's first top 10 result.

Smith said: "These conditions make it very difficult and stressful for the whole team as it doesn't make it easy with so many different scenarios and so many ways to react."

"We had a long bike change after lap two but so soon after the start it doesn't give the crew a lot of time to change the bike settings."

"But then later on the race wasn't going in its best direction, only for the

bike to have a problem so I decided it was better to save the bike and stop.

"So a frustrating way to end the weekend as there have been many positives in the rain and also in the dry, but we weren't quite able to show it in the race."

Smith was back in action at Brno on Monday for a test, finishing 16th of the 18 riders who took part with a best time of 1:56.976 – just under two seconds shy of pace-setter Valentino Rossi.

Smith is 22nd in the MotoGP standings with eight points, while Espargaro is three spots higher on 21.

The next race is the Austrian Grand Prix this weekend, ahead of the British round of the championship at the end of the month.

# Chapman shows his pace at Brands Hatch

## GT4

MATT Chapman showed promise in the penultimate round of the British GT4 Championship at the weekend after setting one of the fastest laps of the race.

The Oxford racer set the fifth-fastest lap at Brands Hatch on Sunday on his way to a 14th-place finish with rookie team-mate Chris Milford.

Chapman's pace saw him end up with a quicker lap than the race-winning Aston Martin, and came despite a steering issue plaguing his Ginetta G55 throughout the event.

An unfortunately timed safety car period during Milford's stint with the car effectively ended the duo's hopes for a better finish, but Chapman was able to make up a few places to 14th in the final hour of the race.

He said: "We knew it would be tough this weekend and, unfortunately, we did have an issue with the steering which was throughout testing, quali-



Matt Chapman behind the wheel of his Ginetta G55 at Brands Hatch. Picture: Jakob Ebrey Photography

fying and the race.

"Chris did a good job on his first time in the car and first time on the GP track, it was a big learning experience."

"Unfortunately the safety car caught Chris first and so the others had another lap to go round and join

the train behind him. I was happy with my race pace and fifth quickest in GT4 wasn't bad, even if the end result wasn't what we wanted."

The season finale of the British GT season comes at Donington Park in Leicestershire, taking place on September 23 and 24.

# Plato hopeful of a change in fortune

## BTCC

JASON Plato is optimistic of turning his British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) season around this weekend in Knockhill after showing encouraging signs of progress last time out.

The two-time series champion – who lives near Oxford – has had a dismal season so far after struggling with the balance of his Subaru Levorg.

However his pace has improved at the last two events, picking up his first podium of 2017 at Croft in June.

He then came fifth in race one at Snetterton two weeks ago, before a

collision in race two effectively ruined the rest of his afternoon.

But following Snetterton, Plato said that changes to the car had had a positive effect, and was hopeful it could lead to better results this coming weekend.

He said: "We are making progress in getting to the bottom of my ill-handling car."

"There were positive signs in the chassis after some major changes and a great result in race two was on the cards until I was shovelled off track."

"Changes we made to the car in race three gave me the best balance I have had this year so all to play for at Knockhill."



Jason Plato hasn't tasted champagne much this season. Picture: btcc.net

# Battling Banbury lose out but gap closes on leaders

## Cricket

BANBURY 2nds couldn't take advantage of league leaders Long Marston's abandoned match as they lost to Tiddington by 84 runs on Saturday.

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Despite their best efforts Banbury were unable to get close, eventually

being bowled out for 179.

They were awarded nine points for their efforts so did close the gap to Long Marston slightly, whose game against Oxford Downs was called off early.

Elsewhere in Division One, Cumnor moved up to fifth after beating Dinton by three wickets.

Abingdon Vale also picked up a 21-run win against Twyford, which saw Jeisimhan Diwakar and Luke Charlesworth hit 61 and 45 respectively.

Horspath 2nds remain bottom of the standings after they were narrowly beaten by nine runs by Aston Rowant 2nds – Chris Eaton producing a knock of 94 for the latter.

# Oxfordshire teams in top three of Home Counties league

## Cricket

IT'S an Oxfordshire one-two-three in the Home Counties Premier Cricket League Division One after Henley, Oxford and Banbury all won at the weekend.

Henley remain top of the pile after a dominant victory over High Wycombe.

Waqas Hussain hit a century as Henley posted a score of 260-8 from their innings, before getting rid of High Wycombe's batters for 142.

Oxford had an equally com-

fortable win over local rivals Horspath, after the latter could only set a target of 123 for Oxford to chase down.

In fact Oxford only lost two wickets in their pursuit, with Ben Charlesworth hitting a half century to help his side win by eight wickets.

And Banbury were even more dominant still in their demolition of Burnham, because they didn't lose a single wicket.

Burnham were dismissed for 133, a score that the partnership of Lloyd Sabin (84) and Craig Haupt (45) were able to

deal with themselves.

In the same division, there was also a win for Great and Little Tew as they beat Finchampstead by five wickets.

And in Division Two, Aston Rowant remain top despite losing to Chesham.

They reached 181-6 off their

58 overs, but Chesham managed to get their nose in front in just 46 overs.

Thame Town picked up a win against Shipton under Wychwood.

The two sides currently sit fourth and eighth in the table respectively.



# City come away disappointed after opening league matches

By Matthew Brown

## Oxford City

OXFORD City got off to a disappointing start in their National League South campaign with two defeats.

The Hoops went down 3-2 at home to St Albans City on Saturday and 1-0 away to Hampton and Richmond on Tuesday evening.

Oxford were celebrating first against St Albans on 24 minutes when Matt Paterson opened his City account, lofting the ball over the onrushing keeper.

The visitors started to turn the screw and made their dominance pay with an equaliser in first half stoppage time.

After half-time, St Albans continued where they left off by taking the lead within a minute of the restart.

Hoops captain Godfrey Poku was

dispossessed by a heavy challenge on the right side of defence, and with him staying down injured, Sambou turned goalscorer as he found the top corner from the edge of the area.

Oxford were saved from going further behind by an offside decision.

They could not hold firm forever though and more poor defending sealed the win for St Albans.

On Tuesday night, Ryan Moss's controversial strike for Hampton and Richmond condemned Oxford to another defeat.

Craig Hill had saved a penalty to keep things level going into half time but Moss was the difference, firing in from a tight angle on 52 minutes.

The hosts' celebrations were cut short by the linesman's flag, signalling for a city free kick, but the goal was eventually given.

**Oxford City celebrate their second against St Albans.**

**Picture: Michael Allen**



## 2017/18 league



Fiacre Kelleher has gone out on loan

## Cork giant Kelleher on loan to Moors

OXFORD United centre back Fiacre Kelleher has joined National League side Solihull Moors on loan until January.

The 21-year-old joined the U's from Scottish giants Celtic for an undisclosed fee this summer but has left the club to get game time.

United already have four experienced defenders in captain Curtis Nelson, Aaron Martin and new signings Mike Williamson and Charlie Raglan.

Kelleher impressed as a trialist for the Moors last week, playing in a 2-0 win against West Bromwich Albion's academy side. However, his hopes of a making a debut for the West Midlands club against Chester on Saturday were dashed when the game was called off because of concerns over the stadium.

Manager Pep Clotet said: "With Williamson joining Nelson, Martin and Raglan in the squad we have four experienced centre halves and this loan allows Fiacre to go and play regular football in a very competitive league where we can monitor his progress closely."

Kelleher, who was a target for previous boss Michael Appleton before leaving for Leicester City, was relegated on loan at Scottish League One side Peterhead last season and joined Oxford on a two-year-deal, with a further one-year option, in June.

Standing at 6ft 5in, the imposing Cork defender has previously been on stand-by for the Republic of Ireland squad.

# Puritans wrap up the pre-season with win

## Banbury United/Didcot Town

BANBURY United concluded their pre-season fixtures with a 2-1 win at home to Mangotsfield United on Saturday.

The Puritans took the lead just after the half hour mark as Jefferson Louis intercepted a poor back pass to slot the ball past Mangotsfield keeper Ashley Newman.

Moments later it was 2-0 as Matt

Peake-Pijnen passed to Ravi Shamsi to strike into the bottom corner of the net.

Mangotsfield managed to pull a goal back on 77 minutes after a period of pressure, but Banbury held on to take the win.

Their attentions will now turn to the start of the Southern Premier League season, with Banbury hosting Dorchester Town in their first match this Saturday.

They then travel to Chesham United on Tuesday evening.

Elsewhere, Didcot Town enjoyed

a 4-1 win over Cwmbran Celtic on Saturday in what would be their final friendly of the summer, after Tuesday night's fixture with Thame United was called off.

It was a closer match than the scoreline suggested, and Cwmbran took the lead in the early stages.

But Diddy responded well and it didn't take too long for George Jeacock to level things up after knocking in a five-yard effort from a corner.

A poor goal kick led to Didcot's second as Dejon Noel-Williams collected up the sliced effort to round

the keeper and score.

And they made certain of the win in the second half, with a couple more goals coming courtesy of an own goal from Sam Elkins, and a close range effort from George Reid.

Didcot's Southern Premier League Division One West season begins this Saturday away to Bideford, before hosting Wimborne Town on Tuesday.

North Leigh will also open up their campaign in the same league when they host Bristol Manor Farm at the weekend. Their Tuesday game sees them travel to Swindon Supermarine.

# Wantage cruise to next round of FA Cup

## Wantage Town

WANTAGE Town are through to the next round of the FA Cup after picking up a deserved 3-1 victory away to Lydney Town on Saturday.

The Freds made it through a potentially tricky tie against their fellow Hellenic Premier League opponents to secure comfortable passage to the preliminary round later this month.

Wantage made a fast start and were 1-0 up after just five minutes, as a pinpoint cross found Steve Robertson who headed home.

The second goal came less than a quarter of an hour later, this time courtesy of Jack Dunmall, and it was almost three before half-time as another cross this time just eluded Robertson.

Lydney were struggling to provide any opposition and although they did

start to pose more of a threat towards the end, Dunmall put the tie to bed with his second and Wantage's third five minutes from time.

The hosts were able to grab a late consolation goal through Pete Macklin, but Wantage were never really under threat and will now face Kidlington in the preliminary round on August 19.

However Ardley United won't be progressing any further after they

were beaten 3-1 at home to Baldock Town.

Billy Gillett scored Ardley's goal from the penalty spot, but it's a disappointing early exit for the north Oxfordshire side.

Thame United, Didcot Town and North Leigh will enter the competition at the preliminary round stage. Thame visit Uxbridge, Didcot travel to Flackwell Heath, while North Leigh are away to Highmoor Ibis.

# Blues remain in the doldrums

## Rugby League

OXFORD RL are still awaiting their first win in the Kingstone Press League One Shield after crashing to a thumping 36-10 defeat to Hunslet on Sunday.

The Blues have lost both of their opening games in the shield so far, and are on a losing streak that extends back to their League One fixture against South Wales Ironmen on May

20 - a run of 10 games.

Oxford had made a decent start to the match, and after falling behind were able to draw level at 6-6 thanks to a Jordan Siddons try.

Despite slipping behind again almost immediately afterwards, they remained snapping on the heels of Hunslet and the score was 18-10 at the break.

However in the second half Hunslet pulled away and left trailing Oxford in their wake, eventually powering

to glory in a 36-10 victory.

The result sees Hunslet top the shield table with 18 points. Oxford are fifth on eight.

They will be looking to turn around their form and fortunes when they travel to London Skolars - currently second in the shield table - this Saturday.

**Oxford RL, pictured in action earlier this season, have lost both of their opening games in the shield**





# campaign kicks off with win at Oldham and more new faces at the Kassam

## Team spirit is best it's been, says Eales

## Swedish signing Ivo 'completes midfield'

By George Welch

OXFORD United chairman Darryl Eales has praised his squad's togetherness as the best it's been during his tenure in charge.

Eales, who took control of the club in the summer of 2014, has had to negotiate a 'difficult' close season in which he lost his manager and three important first team players.

The United board moved quickly to appoint Pep Clotet as the new boss and reduce the impact to the club's preparations for the 2017/18 season.

And, as the season kicked off on Saturday, Eales believes the U's are in a strong position, despite the departures of gaffer Michael Appleton, top scorer Chris Maguire, skipper John Lundstram and Chey Dunkley.

He said: "This is my fourth pre-season and I think in the last month there's been as much togetherness and cultural alignment across coaching staff, management and players than any other season."

"This bodes well for the rest of the season in terms of sticking together through thick and thin."

Eales, who wants to increase the average attendance at the Kassam Stadium this season from 8,300 into the 9,000s, added: "It's a fantastic time of year because it's unabated optimism as we think we're going to win every game."

"We've obviously had a difficult pre-season in some ways but I think we've come through it in exceptionally good shape – everyone should look forward



United are in exceptionally good shape as they approach the new season, says Darryl Eales

to the season ahead."

Former boss Appleton only recruited players from the home nations last summer but, under Clotet, there has been a more international flavour.

So far this summer transfer window, a former Dutch international, a Spaniard and a Brazilian have boosted the Oxford squad.

Utilising Clotet's international

knowledge could slightly alter the club's transfer policy, but Eales admitted the Spaniard is a 'breath of fresh air'.

He said: "Michael Appleton did a superb job – we had a great relationship – and I think Pep and I have kicked off really well."

"I think we'll build a relationship on a similar level – that is the underpinning relationship of any football club."

## Pep's era gets off to perfect start with U's first ever victory at Park

Oxford United 2

Wes Thomas 39, Josh Ruffels 71

Oldham Athletic 0

THE Pep Clotet era got off to a flying start as Oxford United began the new season with maximum points.

The Spaniard became the first permanent U's boss to win his opening competitive game in a decade after making a perfect start to the campaign with a 2-0 win at Oldham on Saturday.

Goals in each half from Wes Thomas and Josh Ruffels ensured Clotet picked up all three points at the first try – the first manager to do so since Darren Patterson in 2007.

Clotet was full of praise for his players after the team – featuring three debutants – made the best possible start.

He said: "The attitude has been there. The work rate we put in and

the details that we have to put in for the game have been there."

"It's not an easy place to come for the first game of the season and lately it's been a difficult place for Oxford to come."

"But the players managed to be themselves and control most of the game."

"I'm happy because I was able to see a really good performance from Oxford."

Striker Thomas marked his first competitive appearance since November with Oxford's first goal on United's quest for the play-offs.

As half-time approached the impressive Jack Payne played Thomas in and, with Oldham appealing in vain for offside, the 30-year-old raced clear and slotted home.

The U's, who narrowly missed out on last season's play-offs, nearly added a quickfire second but Oldham custodian Ben Wilson, who only joined the Latics on Friday, saved Ryan Ledson's 20-yard effort.

Tope Obadeyi slashed off target

as the home side squandered a good chance with 20 minutes remaining and, a minute later, it was game over.

Oxford's first ever win at Boundary Park was confirmed (on their 16th visit) when Ruffels collected man of the match Payne's pass and fired home from 12 yards.

The win, which puts United second in the embryonic SkyBet League One table, featured three new faces, including Payne, winger James Henry and defender Mike Williamson.

But Clotet, impressed by all 13 of his players, refused to single anybody out for praise.

He said: "Credit to all the players because they managed to play as a team and worked very hard during pre-season to try to get to know each other and to play together."

"There are some things in the game that we want to do better but we are pleased because we ground out the result today as a team."

"I have to give credit to everyone because they all managed to understand the game very well."

SWEDISH international Ivo Pekalski has become signing number 11 for Oxford United after signing from Halmstad for an undisclosed fee.

The midfielder signed a two-year deal, with the option of a further 12 months, on Tuesday but wasn't involved in United's Carabao Cup defeat to Cheltenham Town.

The 26-year-old, like fellow new signing Ricardinho, worked with U's boss Pep Clotet at Malmo, winning the Swedish title together in 2010.

Capped twice by his country against North Korea and Finland in 2013, Pekalski was also voted Swedish newcomer of the year in 2010.

Clotet said the new addition 'completes' his midfield.

He said: "He is a strong player in the centre of the park with very good tactical ability. I have watched his progress and we are signing an experienced player who has a lot of games under his belt in the Swedish top flight and who is used to winning silverware."

"His signing helps us to complete our midfield and strengthens the squad."

Pekalski, who has also had spells at Swedish outfits Landskrona BoIS and BK Hacken, joined Halmstad in March 2016 and was out of contract this December.

The Swede, who is Clotet's fourth



Ivo Pekalski is good on tactics

overseas signing since joining in July, said: "I am very excited about this opportunity."

"I enjoyed working with the manager before and he talked with real passion about the project here so I am looking forward to it."

"I played 75 minutes on Saturday so am fit and ready to play."

"I have always followed English football and I know this is a tough league but I want to come and be part of what I am sure will be a very exciting season for Oxford."

The Swedish league began in the spring so Pekalski is match-fit.

## Brazilian defender brings experience

OXFORD United have made Brazilian left back Ricardinho their 10th signing of the summer.

The 32-year-old, whose full name is Ricardo Ferreira da Silva, has previously worked with head coach Pep Clotet and will add a much-needed option at left back.

Ricardinho, who has played in the Champions League and Europa League with Swedish side Malmo and Azerbaijan outfit Gabala, arrived from Sao Paulo on Thursday to sign a one-year deal.

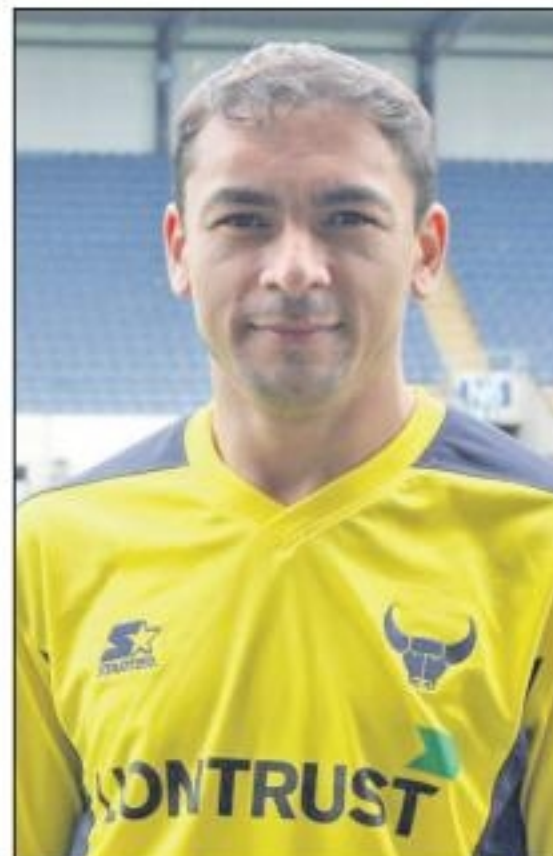
The deal is subject to international clearance and the U's have the option of extending the deal for another 12 months.

The attack-minded defender worked with Clotet when the Spaniard was a coach at Malmo in 2010, when they enjoyed winning the Swedish top-flight title together.

Ricardinho, who played more than 150 games for his native Coritiba before moving to Sweden, said: "I enjoyed working with Pep before and since then he has worked at some fantastic clubs and with some great people so I can't wait to start training with him again."

"He spoke with passion about what this club is all about and what they hope to achieve and I am really looking forward to playing a part in that."

The South American played 200 times in the blue of Malmo between 2009 and 2014 before joining Gabala



Ricardinho has joined the U's

for a three-year spell in 2015.

He has made 53 appearances in continental competitions since 2011 – 14 of those were last season.

And Clotet hopes that experience will give his squad an extra edge this season.

He said: "Ricardinho is someone I worked with before."

"He brings a lot of experience, is naturally left-sided, he is very consistent and a very good professional who we believe will do well for Oxford United."





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# Shock extra time cup exit leaves United feeling flat

By George Welch

A SENSATIONAL extra time strike sent Oxford United crashing out of the Carabao Cup first round on Tuesday.

The U's came from behind against Cheltenham Town to establish a 3-1 lead at half-time, only to squander their two-goal cushion in the second half and lose 4-3 in extra time.

Striker Mohamad Eisa fired the decisive goal with a strike worthy of winning any match in the 99th minute.

League Two Cheltenham opened the scoring within 10 minutes when Eisa, who scored his first Football League goal on Saturday, flicked a Jordan Cranston free kick beyond Simon Eastwood.

The U's were back on level terms on 20 minutes after the marauding Ryan Hall was felled in the box by Robins captain Kyle Storer.

Marvin Johnson had his initial penalty saved by Jonathan Flatt but the stand-in left back powered home the rebound to level the scores.

Nigel Atangana threatened for the visitors with a deflected effort – but United hit back before half time.

Oxford took the lead just after the half hour mark when a prowling Jon Obika capitalised on a weak Jamie Grimes back header to lash the ball home for a debut goal.

Former Barcelona man Xemi was hungry for goals and got in on the act with a debut goal of his own 10 minutes later, arrowing the ball emphatically into the bottom corner from 25 yards.

United had the better of the start of the second period with Hall in particular causing problems down Cheltenham's left.

But the game turned in the Robins' favour around the hour mark when sub Harry Pell (twice) and Eisa threatened for the Gloucestershire side.



Marvin Johnson has his penalty kick saved, but smashes home the rebound and below, Jon Obika scores his debut goal but neither could save the U's from going out in the first round

And it was no surprise when a Danny Wright diving header pulled the away side back into contention on 66 minutes.

Josh Ruffels tested Flatt with a curling effort but United looked uncomfortable until the very moment Wright bundled home an equaliser in the final seconds.

Cheltenham could have even snatched it at the death but Eastwood spread himself well to thwart Will Boyle from point-blank range to send the game to extra time.

Substitute Jack Payne missed a golden opportunity for the U's shortly after the restart but it was Cheltenham who looked the most threatening.

And the winner came nine minutes into extra time when Eisa skillfully cut in from the left and curled a sensationally-struck 20-yard effort



into the top corner.

Oxford fans applauded the fine finish – but it was the goal that sent

United crashing out of the first round of the league cup at the hands of lower league opposition.

We will grow stronger from the cup defeat

MANAGER Pep Clotet believes he and his squad will learn and improve from Oxford United's shock cup defeat at home to Cheltenham Town.

The U's were dumped out of the Carabao Cup 4-3 AET by their lower league opposition on Tuesday.

Leading his side out for the first time at the Kassam Stadium, it was a harsh introduction to the English game for Clotet.

United threw away a two-goal lead with less than half an hour remaining and were eventually knocked out of the EFL Cup with their tails between their legs following a 99th minute Mohamed Eisa strike.

But Clotet believes his team will be stronger as a result of the defeat.

He said: "You always learn more when you lose a game. I'm sure I'm going to have a bad night watching it over and over again – but that's my job."

"It's a disappointing result but one that will make us stronger. We will analyse and learn from this game as we prepare to face Portsmouth [at the Kassam on Saturday]."

"We have to get together and learn the lesson we had tonight and pose a fight on Saturday."

United were far from their best and Clotet, like the fans, expects better when Pompey visit this weekend as the club refocuses on league action.

He added: "On Saturday [2-0 win at Oldham in the league] we were not that good and tonight we were not that bad – it's about keeping our balance and learning from this and going to the next game."

"I am very positive when it comes to the potential in the squad and the attitude they have got to solve it and we will grow stronger, I'm sure of it."

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